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As Labor Rumblings Increase, Is EC Listening?

A Narrow Agenda For Brussels Talks

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS — When Jacques Delors launched a campaign to restore competitive-ness and jobs in Europe earlier this year, he was driven by an overriding lear: That mass unemployment would touch off social unrest.

That fear may be coming true. As Mr. Delors, the president of the EC Commission, and leaders of the 12 EC countries gather here for a meeting Friday that is likely to make progress only on narrow institutional issues, workers will take to the streets to protest joblessness brought on by the Conti-nent's worst recession since the war.

The strike by public-sector workers and demonstrations in the capital — which mirror growing labor protests around Europe — will oppose government plans to freeze wages and cut social welfare benefits. François Janssens, chairman of Belgium's second-largest union.

A Paris-Boan call to give member states more say in how the EC is run raises doubts. Page 2.

said Belgium and other EC countries were following a dead-end route of cutting wages and jobs in a desperate bid to restore compet-

"We will find ourselves at the level of Portugal," Mr. Janssens said. Instead, he con-tended, "what is needed is to relaunch growth

Across Europe, including in Portugal, unions are showing increasing militancy as governments continue with austerity programs even though EC-wide unemployment is soaring toward a record 20 million, or 12

Unions at Air France forced the French government to scrap a package of job and wage cuts by shutting Paris airports with mass protests. Italian unions staged a four-hour nationwide walkout on Thursday to protest economic policy. And unions in Spain, as in Belgium, walked out of talks with employers and the government aimed at re-writing work and wage rules and overhauling deficit-ridden social welfare systems. At the Lishon airport, several hundred employees of TAP-Air Portugal briefly disrupted flights on Thursday to protest plans for restructuring the state airline.

"There's no doubt that these economic difficulties are a threat to the cohesion of our societies," said Max Kohnstamm of the Belmont European Policy Center in Brussels. That threat is most likely to get little more

than lip service from EC leaders at the meeting in Brussels, however, Instead, the leaders plan to reaffirm their commitment to the Maastricht Treaty on European Union's goal of greater political and economic integration. cluding a single currency by the end of the decade. The main business will be horsetrading over the sites of 11 new EC institu-tions led by the European Monetary Institute, the forerunner EC central bank that appears destined for Frankfurt.

The narrow agenda reflects the limited nature of the meeting, a one-day affair de-manded by Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany to celebrate the Maastricht treaty's long-delayed ratification. The real debate on jobs and competitiveness is scheduled for the regular EC summit meeting in December.

But more important is that fact that EC

countries agree on only one thing about the economic crisis: There are no quick fixes. Prime Minister John Major has already dismissed the Friday meeting as irrelevant unless his colleagues endorse Britain's strate-

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Striking Air France workers, left photo, dancing around a bonfire outside the airline's Paris headquarters Thursday (Page 2). In Naples, industrial workers marched during a four-hour general strike to put pressure on government to protect jobs. And in Bonn, more than 100,000 construction workers protested plans to cut income support they get when bad weather stops them from working.



W Ultimatum Threatens 30,000 Jobs

By Brandon Mitchener national Herald Tribine

FRANKFURT - In an ultimatum to its German work force, Europe's largest automaker, Volkswagen AG, threatened Thursday to cut 30,000 employees from its payroll unless workers agreed to "dramatic adjustments," including a radical plan for a four-

VW said the only alternative to massive layoffs was to accept a four-day. 28.8-hour work week and a significant cut in pay start-ing in January. The company had earlier called the idea only an option.

In addition, it said mandatory retraining and a "new definition of what constitute reasonable demands in material, functional geographical and social matters" would be key to the salvation of the company, and by association, of German and European industry as a whole.

The ultimatum was just the latest shock wave from VW to hit the European car indus-

In recent weeks, the automaker announced plans to cut jobs and close a factory in its SEAT unit, the Spanish national car company that it owns, and to scale back investment in the Czech national carmaker Skoda, which

it controls. Worldwide sales of VW, Audi, SEAT and Skoda automobiles fell 12.5 percent, to 2.33

million, in the first nine months of the year, from 2.66 million a year earlier, the company reported Thursday. Sales were particularly weak in Europe, plunging 22 percent from a year earlier. Audi is VW's luxury car division.

Peter Hartz, VW's new labor director, said stagnant demand would render 30,000 of the company's 103,000 workers in Germany superfluous by 1995 without some kind of "dramatic adjustment."

"We stand before the question of massive layoffs or finding an alternative solution," he

In Munich, meanwhile, Deutsche Aero-See VW, Page 13

U.S. Turns Corner, The Numbers Say.

3d-Period Expansion Rate of 2.8% Cheers Clinton and Buoys Markets

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK — The American economy has finally climbed out of the doldrums and is heading toward moderate and sustainable growth, the government reported Thursday, prompting Prisident Bill Clinton to say that "we are moving in the right direction, and we have to stay on this course."

The Commerce Department, in its prelimi-

nary estimate, said gross domestic product grew at an annual rate of 2.8 percent in the third quarter, with inflation running at a mere 1.8

The figures came close to the upper limit of the range in which economists see the American economy performing during the next few years while it overcomes the deficits of the 1980s and adjusts to the rigors of international competi-

[The Treasury Department said Thursday that the government had posted an \$8.3 billion budget surplus in September, bringing the deficit for all of fiscal 1993 to \$254.95 billion. Knight-Ridder reported from Washington. That was down from the revised 1992 deficit, a record \$290.34 billion, and the lowest yearly federal deficit single \$221.4 billion in fiscal

But the figures represent a definite rebound from the meager growth rates of 0.8 percent recorded in the first quarter and 1.9 percent in the second — and the government said they would have been about half a point higher without the effects of the summer's floods in the Midwest and drought in the Southeast.

Efforts to rebuild after those natural disas-

ters and a sharp recovery by the U.S. auto industry are expected to push the growth rate temporarily above 3 percent for the fourth

Financial markets were mainly upbeat. The Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 40 points early in the day, powered in part by surges in shares of General Motors Corp. and of Eastman Kodak Co., which hired an energetic new chairman, George M. C. Fisher, away from Motorola Corp. The industrials still ended at a record high of 3,687.86, a gain of 23.20 points (Page 12). The dollar started higher, but it had already gained about 4 percent since the start of last week, and selling by European central banks brought it back down.

The bond market, fearing an overheating economy, initially lost ground until Susan Philips, a Federal Reserve Board governor, helped t recover by calling attention to the report's 'quite encouraging' inflation figures.

Few private economists seem to believe the

economy's moderate growth will prompt the





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year. That is good news for Mr. Clinton's administration, because the current record low long-term interest rates hovering around 6 per-cent for 30-year Treasury bonds are the only major stimulus it can offer for new investmen and for housing purchas

A breakdown of the GDP figures shows that the strongest growth sectors were those most sensitive to lower rates -housing construction. up 10.1 percent; business investment, up 5 percent, and spending on consumer durables

Government spending, which had been accelerated by the Pentagon ahead of the presidential election last year and helped create almost 6 percent growth during the fourth quarter of 1992, fell by 1.1 percent in the latest quarter, led by an 8.3 percent drop in defense

Allen Sinai, a managing director of Lehman Brothers, said that in the 31 months since the omy went into recession, this was the first

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Expanding Arab Contacts, Israel Pursues a Gas Deal

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — Israeli officials say they have held secret negotiations with the Gulf emirate of Qatar on a multibillion-dollar project to bring natural gas to Israel and export it across the Mediterranean to Europe.

The officials say they could sign an agreement by early December

But Qatar's oil minister denied Thursday

that a deal was in the making, calling reports of an imminent breakthrough "unrealistic and based on illogical assumptions."

Economic relations are not possible while the Arab boycott against Israel remains intact, the minister. Abdallah ibn Hamad Alattiya, was quoted as saying by the Qatari News Agency.
It was not clear through the thicket of contrathere was little doubt that the Israelis have had contacts with representatives of a country that. like most Arab states, has been off limits to

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met secretly with his Qatari counterpart in New York last month, and several weeks ago an official from Mr. Peres's ministry went to Qatar to discuss economic and political relations.

· In addition, Energy Minister Moshe Shahal is reported to have met in Israel with a group of Qatari energy specialists and businessmen, one of three delegations that came here last month. The project under discussion with Qatar, the Israelis say, would involve shipping liquefied natural gas in tankers from the Gulf to the southern Israeli port of Eilat, on the Gulf of

Gas would then be carried by an as-yetunbuilt pipeline from Ellat to an Israeli port on the Mediterranean, either Ashdod or Ashkelon. From there much of it would be exported to Europe by way of a pipeline to Greece that would be built under the Mediterranean.

The fate of the project, officials here say, depends on feasibility studies that are in progress and that they say are being paid for by Qatar, whose 350,000 people enjoy one of the world's highest per-capita incomes because of

oil and gas revenues.

Mr. Shahal said several days ago that Israel would soon sign a natural gas contract with a Gulf country. He did not name the country, but other officials said that it was Qatar and that an agreement was expected in December. They put the cost of the project at \$2 billion or more and said it would supply Israel with gas for 25 years. Aside from a small reserve of natural gas in

Aside from a small reserve of natural gas in the Negev and a solar energy program, Israel is dependent on imported oil and coal.

After Mr. Shahal spoke out on Israel's negotiations in the Gulf, other officials here expressed concern that his remarks may have killed the deal. An article Thursday in the newspaper Yediot Ahronot said the Qataris had gone back on their intention to sign an

But the remarks attributed to the Qatari oil minister suggested that a venture with Israel had never been realistic. Other Arab oil officials also dismissed the project as prohibitively expensive and improbable both technically and

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China and U.K. At Crossroads , On Hong Kong

By Kevin Murphy

HONG KONG — Beijing appears ready for a collapse of the long-running negotiations with Britain over Hong Kong's political future. As a result, after a 15th round of talks finished on Thursday with no breakthrough, Britam was steeling itself to move ahead on changes in the colony that would allow Hong Kong citizens to choose the majority of their Legislative Council in 1995.

And China, which says it will overturn any laws it does not agree with after regaining

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control of the colony in 1997, looks prepared to wait out the British.

'It does not mean that Sino-British relations have completely broken down." Qian Qichen. the Chinese foreign minister, was quoted by Agence France-Presse as telling a trade delegation from Hong Kong on Thursday.

Signaling that Beijing will not return to an earlier strategy of obstruction that risks damage to Hong Kong's economy, Mr. Qian also told the delegation that cooperation was still possible and that the colony's industrial and commercial sectors should not worry.

London and Beijing on Thursday scheduled vet another two-day bargaining session for Nov. 19-20. By that time, however, after a Nov. 10 strategy meeting in London between Hong Keng's governor, Chris Patten, and Prime Minister John Major of Britain, the two sides may

have little left to discuss. 'I am still uncertain as to whether we can achieve an agreement," a disappointed Sir Rob-in McLaren, Britain's ambassador to China and its lead negotiator, said in Beijing on Thursday,

according to Reuters. Despite describing the latest talks as "de-tailed, serious and substantive," Sir Robin said,

"there is still, though, quite a gap." It is a view shared by a Beying spokesman. "After 15 rounds of talks, the two sides have achieved certain progress," said Wu Jianmin of See COLONY, Page 4

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Iran Brokers Armenia-Azerbaijan Truce TEHRAN (NYT) - State-run Iranian telerecurrence of years of war, The Teheran Times

vision said Thursday that the government had brokered a cease-fire between Armenia and Azerbaijan during a visit by President Hashemi Rafsanjani to the Azerbaijani capital, Baku. Using some harsh diplomatic language, the Iranian president warned that Armenians would "regret their aggression and unprincipled actions" against Azerbaijan, and that Muslims in the region would not allow the

Mr. Rafsanjani arrived Wednesday in Baku on the last leg of an 11-day tour of Central Asia.

The television reported that the cease-fire had been holding since Wednesday night. "Azerbai-jani officials have requested Iranian intervention for a withdrawal of Armenian troops from

WORLD CUP SOCCER Japan's ambitions died in a last-minute goal by Iraq. Teams that did qualify in the Doha round were Saudi Arabia and South Korea. Page 21.

An occasional series about people for whom style is a way of life.

Tastemakers

STARTING MONDAY Suzy Menkes, the Trib's fashion editor, names some names in the first article in a series on people who define the styles that others only copy.



A WARNING - An Israeli soldier threatening residents of the West Bank town of Jericho on Wednesday. The army prevented, then allowed, a Palestinian march.

The 'N' Word: PC Types Fire Off E-Mail

By Martha Groves

Los Angeles Times Service
SAN FRANCISCO — Are nerds an oppressed minority? Is "nerd" itself a slur?

Computerdom's great epithet has sparked some flaming e-mail at a Silicon Valley com-

One middle-age man connected with the magazine had evidently had it up to his pocket. protector. Firing off charged messages to colleagues, he likened the term to a racial slur, contending in effect, that in the world of PCs, it is no longer politically correct to use the "N"

A few were debating this, mostly by e-mail, which is what nerds, er, those people, the technically inclined, do," said David Diamond. managing editor of San Mateo-based Unix-World, which covers the world of high-powered

computer operating systems and whose readers include you-know whats.

The controversy at the magazine cooled after the expression "Old Guard Nerds" was re-moved from a headline on an upcoming story. But the issue arises just when the technologically advantaged seem to be most in the driver's eat, what with all the to-do over information

Just what is a nerd? Dan Gookin's "Illustrated Computer Dictionary for Dummies" describes a nerd as "someone who is very wrapped up in computers - and often him or herself, and adds: "Nerds include those who love the computers because nothing else loves them

Mr. Gookin is at pains to distinguish nerds from "dweebs, whose idea of being socially acceptable is brushing their teeth and applying

deodorant," and he dismisses nerds-rights activists who might take umbrage.

If he really wanted to make fun of nerds, Mr. Gookin says, "I'd call them a dork."

"The Dictionary of Computer Slang," by Tony Thorne, defines need as "a gormless, vacuous, tedious and/or ineffectual person." Mr. Thorne says the word goes back to the late 1960s or early 70s, when members of surfing and hot-rodding cliques used it to refer to outsiders considered feeble or conformist.

An earlier spelling was nurd. Many fully empowered nerds wear the appellation proudly. Canyon Co., which creates Windows and multimedia software, drew a big, eclectic crowd to a recent Nerd Networking bash at a San Francisco hotel.

"This is the true 'Revenge of the Nerds,' " See NERDS, Page 4

Those Who Type Lose a Round

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches

LONDON — A British judge, ruling in a landmark case in Britain brought by a jour-

nalist against his former employers, said Thursday that there was no such condition as repetitive stress injury.

The judgment was a major setback for journalists and other keyboard overators suffering from painful wrist and arm conditions that they believe are linked to the persistent use of computer editing terminals. The best-known aspect of repetitive stress injury is known as carpal tunnel syndrome. Britain's National Union of Journalists said an appeal was being considered and urged other sufferers of repetitive stress in-

jury not to be disheartened.

In a 90-minute verdict, Judge John Prosser said repetitive stress injury was a glibly used label that was "meaningless" and had "no place in the medical books."

He ruled against a financial reporter, Ra-fiq Mughal, 44, who had claimed damages and lost earnings from Reuters, at whose beadquarters in London he worked from

The judge described Reuters as a prudent and careful employer and said that the painful condition in Mr. Mughal's arms and shoulders was due to personal factors rather than conditions at work,

He added that the Mr. Mughal's problems See RSI, Page 4

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First Trial Begins In Enimont Case

MILAN — The police in Naples arrested the managing director of the state-controlled telephone company Thursday on suspicion of involvement in kickbacks as the first major trial springing from the political corruption investigations be-

gan in Milan. On trial in Milan is Sergio Cusani, 43, a financier who prosecutors say is a key figure in the socalled Enimont affair, the biggest of all the bribery scandals.

The police in Naples arrested Vito Alfonso Gamberale, the managing director of the state-con-trolled telephone company SIP SpA, on suspicion of involvement in kickbacks. A Naples politician and two local contractors were also

In Rome, the president and a top executive of the state body that promotes Italian exports were also arrested Thursday, state television reported.

Marcello Inghilesi, 53, head of the Italian Institute for Foreign Trade, and Giovanbattista Peruzzi. 55, director for North America, were accused of using their positions for private gain.

In the Milan trial, defense lawyers have promised further revelations about how the country's traditional political parties took huge amounts of bribes from businessmen and firms.

An overflow crowd of journalists was forced to take seats in metal cages put up around the courtroom over a decade ago for the trials of leftist guerrillas."

"This is just a modest trial but it is being turned into a media land-slide," said Giuliano Spazzali, a defense lawyer.

Enimont was a loss-making chemicals venture between the state energy firm ENI and the Ferruzzi group that ended in an acri-monious split in 1990.

Magistrates say Mr. Cusani, accused of the illegal financing of political parties and falsifying balance sheets, played an important role in organizing Ferruzzi's payment of \$120 million in kickbacks to politicians, bankers and at least one judge to extricate itself from

The initial legal debate will take three days as Mr. Cusani's lawyers seek to switch the trial to the town of Brescia nearby, away from the main glare of the media. The lawyers will also contest the admissibility of some of the accusations.

The main part of the trial, which could see some of the leading fig-ures in Italy's corruption probes called as witnesses, is due to begin on Nov. 10 and last for around two

The disgraced former Socialist Party chairman, Bettino Craxi, and Arnaldo Forlani, once secretary of the Christian Democrats, are among that politicians that prosecutors plan to call.

Mr. Craxi and Mr. Forlani, former prime ministers who face dozens of different corruption inquiries, are accused of pocketing the bulk of the Enimont kickbacks for their political parties.

Mr. Cusani, who says he was merely a middleman in the affair. was detained in July, on the same day that Raul Gardini, the former Ferruzzi chief, committed suicide after learning he was about to be arrested. ENI's former chairman, Gabriele Cagliari, killed himself earlier that week in prison, where he was being held in connection with an investigation into kickbacks for a contract for gas tur-

In a related development in Rome, the Senate voted overwhelmingly to scrap legislators' immunity from prosecution, allowing magistrates to investigate them without seeking permission. The new law, which passed the lower house two weeks ago and takes effect immediately, decrees that magistrates must make a formal request to Parliament only if they want to like themselves at the expense of arrest a member, tap a telephone. or search a home or office.



Prayda journalists voting for a new editor in chief at the newspaper's headquarters in Moscow.

Pravda Bows to Yeltsin Demand

MOSCOW - Pravda, the voice of communist opposition to President Boris N. Yeltsin, bowed to government pressure on Thursday and dropped its editor in an attempt to resume publication.

The newspaper's editor in chief. Gennadi Seleznev, said he was stepping down in response to what he described as an ultimatum by the Information

"We have done this, and we are being promised that in a matter of days Pravda will come out," Mr. But he ruled out another demand by the minis-

try — that Pravda change its name, which means "Our collective, by a 95 percent majority, categorically refused to meet that demand," Mr. Selez-

He said this should not prevent Pravda from

resuming publication. "As I understand, the main

HONG KONG — Hong Kong is to scrap an air-traffic system at Kai Tak airport after Brit-

ish inspectors branded it a safety hazard, the

A preliminary report by Britain's Civil Avia-

tion Authority said the system, which allows

departing and arriving aircraft to fly 2,000 feet (610 meters) over each other, was "a definite

hazard to flight safety" and should be stopped.

planes a week will have to fly over the quarter of a million residents of north Kowloon district.

The suspension means about 113 more

Hong Kong commissioned a safety audit by

the authority's after three incidents earlier this

year when aircraft flew too close to each other,

NIAMEY, Niger — Niger police commandos stormed a hijacked Nigerian airliner on

Thursday to rescue 20 hostages, but one of the

blazing, seizing the four hijackers and freeing

Authorities in Niger, Nigeria's northern neighbor, said they had to act just before a deadline set by the hijackers threatening to

blow up the Airbus A-310 they had been hold-

The deadline was approaching and we were

Commandos entered the plane with guns

crew members was killed.

government said Thursday.

thing for them was to remove me as chief editor," he said.

Mr. Seleznev said officials at the Information Ministry had promised that the state-owned printing house would be instructed to print Pravda. Pravda and most other opposition newspapers were banned or suspended by the ministry earlier this month after Mr. Yeltsin crushed an uprising

by hard-line parliamentary opponents. He said Prayda could light the ministry's actions through the courts. But this would be a lengthy procedure when "the main thing is to get Prayda

The suspension has already damaged the paper's 1994 subscription campaign, which closes in No-

Mr. Seleznev said he was replaced as editor in chief at a staff meeting late Wednesday. Viktor Linnik, the paper's former correspondent in the United States and deputy editor responsible for foreign affairs, was appointed to take his place,

Hong Kong to Scrap a Takeoff-Landing System

Department said.

spokesman for the colony's Civil Aviation

The spokesman said the incidents had all

happened when the opposite runway system

was not in operation. They compared with an

average of zero to two incidents in the previous

in opposite directions on Kai Tak's single run-

way at certain times of the day to avoid flying

The director of civil aviation, Peter Lok, said

the system, known as "opposite runway" opera-tion, would be halted starting Friday.

Kai Tak has two approaches; over Hong Kong harbor, or over Kowloon City, which is

forced to use police to solve the situation."
President Mahamane Ousmane said. "We

could not wait because no one was sure what

Mr. Ousmane went to the lobby of the Gaweye Hotel in Niamey to meet with 17 passengers, many still in the clothes they have

worn since the plane was seized early Monday

on an internal flight from Lagos to inland

Abuja. The hijackers had freed most of the 159

his intervention. They said they had collectively

built up right to the airport perimeter.

was going to happen."

passengers Monday

Under the system, airliners take off and land

Many Paris Strikers Resume Work, but Planes Stay Put

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS — Severe disruption of flights by Air France continued on the Communist-led CGT and the Thursday despite the decision by many employees to return to work.

The political cost from the strike, one of the longest and most militant in recent years, also was reflected in a Louis Harris Poll showing that the government's approval rating fell below 50 percent for the first time in its seven months in power, to 46 percent.

Although most Air France workers appeared ready to return to work at least until next week, many were being prevented from doing so by strikers who want to continue the job action.

Check-in workers, baggage han-dlers and other personnel at the Air France terminal at Roissy-Charlesde-Gaulle voted to call off their stoppage until Tuesday, when the company's new president. Christian Blanc, is due to open negotiations with the unions

Air France Schedules 59 Flights From Paris

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS — Air France has sched-uled 59 flights from Paris on Friday as it tries to return to normal after 10 days of strike, the company said Thursday.

It said that there would be 8 flights from Orly, up from 4 Thursday, and 51 from its main terminal at Roissy, compared with 20 Thursday. Air France said it was programming seven long-hanl flights and one medium-haul flight from Brussels and the northern French airports of Lille and Beauvais. Telephone information about departing flights is available at 05-05-11-55, and information about arriving flights is available at 05-05-

On the latter approach, Kowloon residents

suffer ear-shattering noise as jetliners skim over

densely packed apartment blocks before mak-

ing a sharp right turn seconds before landing.

To reduce noise, the system has been used in

the early morning and late evening when winds

Aircraft are arranged to take off and land in alternate batches. But the last aircraft in the

pro-Socialist CFDT voted overwhelmingly for suspension of the strike. But the CFDT delegate, Yan Roth, called for "broad and strong mobilization" on Tuesday. The largest union at Air France,

About 200 people who attended

Force Ouvrière, had called for a return to work on Wednesday.

A delegation of 25 maintenance workers occupied a meeting room at Air France headquarters in central Paris on Thursday after moving in overnight. They are demand-ing immediate negotiations with Mr. Blanc and issued a letter to Prime Minister Edouard Balladur warning him of "the climate of insurrection" at Air France.

A hard core of strikers continued to occupy the freight departments at Roissy and Orly, where the dispute began two weeks ago, turning away nonstrikers.

Orly maintenance men returned to work Wednesday, the manage-ment said, and there was a strong return-to-work movement in the same category at Roissy.

Mr. Blanc was appointed on Monday after the government backed down on Sunday, withdrawing a restructuring plan that had called for 4,000 job losses and pay cuts. Mr. Blanc replaced Bernard Attali who resigned as head of Air France to protest the plan's

Le Figaro, a pro-government conservative daily, asked Mr. Balladur in an interview why he had backed Mr. Attali one day and dismissed him the next.

"I believe in change," the prime minister replied, referring to the need to redress nonprofitable state firms. "But the changes must be progressive, properly explained

He said a new cost-cutting plan must avoid layoffs. (AFP, Reuters)

Lisbon Strikers Take Their Cue From Air France

LISBON -- Several hundred employees of TAP-Air Portugal briefly disrupted flights at Lisbon airport on Thursday to protest plans

to restructure the loss-making state

departing batch flies below the first aircraft of airline About 600 airline employees he incoming batch at a separation of 2,000 feet. took up positions on one of the Kai Tak is already close to saturation. Work

has begin on a replacement airport on an outlying island which is due to open in 1997, when Hong Kong returns to China. But a refusal by Beijing to endorse financing for the \$22.5 billion project has cast doubts on it. and communications, Joaquim Martins Ferreira do Amaral. For the Record agreed to receive union leaders to Niger Police Storm Hijacked Jet, One in Crew Dies discuss the restricturing plan, under which 2,600 of the airline's 10,000 work force would be leid off 10,000 work force would be laid off

over two years. parked at the end of the runway. Mr. Ousmane said that he regretted the death of the crewman The protest was clearly inspired by the disruptive job action of Air France workers in Paris this week, which forced the French government to scrap a restructuring plan. The protesters, who broke away from a rally of 3,000 airline employees at Lisbon airport, carried a banner reading. TAP and Air France — the same struggle."

The rally was called after a breakdown in talks on the plan between the airline management

WORLD BRIEFS

North Korea Denies Missile Test Plan

TOKYO (AFP) — North Korea's news agency denied as a "smear campaign" on Thursday foreign press reports that North Korea was planning to test-fire a medium-range missile in Iran this month.

The Korean Central News-Agency, monitored in Tokyo, called it "inconceivable" that North Korea, "making consistent efforts for world peace and security, intends to conduct a missile launching test in a far-off country." It said the "paid media of Japan and Britain" were spreading the allegation

the allegation.

The Saudi Arabian newspaper Asharq Al Awsat reported last week, quoting unidentified sources in Tehran, that North Korea would test the missile, named the Rodong-2, which could hit Israel. IRNA, the official Iranian news agency, quoting an Iranian Foreign Ministry source, called the report a "mere lie."

Gunmen Kill Egyptian Police Officer

ASSIUT, Egypt (Reuters) — In the second killing of a senior Egyptian police officer in two days, men thought to be Muslim militants shot and killed a brigadier and wounded four people on Thursday in the upper Egypt town of Qena, the Interior Ministry said.

Brigadier General Mahmood Dib, head of investigations in the Qena security department. Was killed when an unknown number of grammen.

security department, was killed when an unknown number of gunmen opened fire on his car with automatic weapons. He was going to work at the time of the attack, a ministry statement said.

It added that two police officers and two bystanders had been wounded, one of them critically. On Tuesday night, Lieutenant Colonel Abu Bakr Azmi Abu Salem was shot and killed on the balcony of his home in the town of Abu Tig. That attack was also thought to have been carried out by militant Islamic fundamentalists.

Georgian Rebels Recapture Town

TBILISI, Georgia (Reuters) — Georgian rebels mounted a counterof-fensive against government troops on Thursday and recaptured a western

town, a government spokesman said.

The spokesman, Zaza Kandelaki, said the forces of the ousted president, Zviad K. Gamsakhurdia, had retaken Khobi, which government troops had captured just 24 hours earlier.

Dublin to Propose Change on Ulster

DUBLIN (Reuters) - Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of Ireland will tell Britain on Friday that Dublin could be prepared to rewrite its constitutional claim to Northern Ireland as part of a formula for peace;

official sources said Thursday.

They said an Irish peace blueprint outlined Wednesday by Foreign Minister Dick Spring was the most coherent compromise offer it had made to unionists who want to keep the province British.

Mr. Spring told the legislature that Ireland's commitment to change

would have to be expressed in its fundamental law. A senior official said this would mean rewriting two highly contentious articles of the constitution, in which Ireland lays claim to jurisdiction over the whole island. It would be one of the most dramatic constitutional changes since Ireland gained independence from Britain in 1921.

U.S. and Belarus Revise Military Ties

WASHINGTON (Renters) — The United States and Belarus agreed Thursday to improve military ties in a continuing U.S. push to promote democracy and eliminate nuclear weapons in former Soviet states.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin and the Belarus defense minister, Pavel Kozlovsky, signed a memorandum providing for regular top-level U.S.Belarus military meetings and setting up a defense working group to-

"broaden and deepen" relations. Mr. Aspin signed similar military agreements this year with the defense ministers of Russia and Ukraine and is expected to do so with Kazakh-stan, the fourth former Soviet republic with nuclear arms on its territory.

Muslims in Kashmir to March Again

SRINAGAR, India (AP) - Muslim leaders announced a second mass march to a rebel-occupied shrine on Thursday as troops surrounded the building for the second week.

The march, called to show support for the separatist rebels in the Hazratbal mosque, was called for Friday after prayers. A similar march held last Friday — in defiance of a curfew — ended when paramilitary police fired on demonstrators and killed about 50 people.

The siege of the mosque, said to enshrine a hair from the beard of the prophet Mohammed, is one of the worst confrontations between troops and rebels who want Jammu-Kashmir to either join Pakistan or become independent. More than 7,500 people have been killed since the insurgency flared in 1989.

Anatoli Karpov of Russia and Jan Tumman of the Netherlands drew the 19th game of the World Chess Championship on Thursday after 43 moves and 5 hours of play. Mr. Karpov leads the 24-game series by 12 points to 7. He needs just 0.5 more points to win the championship and the lion's share of the prize fund of a million Swiss francs (\$700,000). The

TRAVEL UPDATE

Gulf Air will resume flights to San'a, Yemen, in December, a Gulf Air spokesman said Thursday. Gulf Air, owned by Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and Abu Dhabi, halted flights to Yemen after ties became strained over its pereceived sympathy with Iraq during the 1991 Gulf war. (AFP) Bujumbura airport in Burundi has reopened to commercial flights, and phone links have been restored after a military coup on Oct. 21. (AFP)

starting point."

biggest carrier.

Bonn-Paris EC Plan Greeted Coolly

man proposal to give national capitals greater control over European Community business got a tepid reaction Thursday that reflected the rift between large and small countries over the running of the

Community. Belgium and Portugal expressed skepticism about the plan, which one Belgian official said was a thin-

BRUSSELS - A French-Ger-

smaller states.

meeting on Friday begin planning institutional reforms to ensure that

ly veiled attempt by Paris and Bonn to increase the power of large states That suspicion was reinforced

the Community can continue to ew members later this decade. The party has already proposed a new system of majority voting that would enhance the power of only veto power.

Jean-Luc Dehaene, who as prime

minister of Belgium holds the ro-tating EC presidency, said that po-litical control should be exercised not national capitals. In contrast, British officials, who have long argued for a Community organized by cooperation among member states rather than run by EC institutions, welcomed the pro-

Brazil

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when the parliamentary group of the proposal to have biweekly Germany's Christian Democratic Union urged that an EC summit ters for European affairs.

"The Commission should then be invited to give a precise account of its activities in the past fortnight operate effectively when it takes on and receive the necessary instructions," Mr. Balladur told the daily

The French-German proposal large states and give Germany the also was seen as a clear French rebuke to the EC Commission. French officials have made clear that they believe the commis went too far in negotiating the Blair House farm pact with the United through EC-wide institutions and States on terms that Paris can't stomach, Foreign Minister Alain Juppe also clashed recently with the EC trade commissioner. Sir Leon Brittan, for his conduct of negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

posal, Indeed Prime Minister "This is definitely related to the Edouard Balladur of France GATT," said the Belgian official, sounded more like his British coun- who spoke on condition of anoterpart, John Major, in defending nymity. — TOM BUERKLE

thing worse happening.
"It was his time, he has gone, may his soul rest in peace." Mr. Ousmane said. Speaking for the hostages, Umaru Maigida

but that action was necessary to prevent some-

told the president that the remaining 20 passengers and 3 crew members had expected to die if the hijackers carried out their threat to set fire to the gasoline with which they had doused the The freed hostages thanked the president for plane.

Passengers said the hijackers were taken by said their last prayers on the plane, which was surprise and offered no resistance.

Wait Till '94, Amex Tells Cardholders

By Jacques Neher International Herald Tribine

PARIS - An American Express executive said Thursday that its international dollarcardholders would not be permitted to benefit from its frequent flyer program until at

least next spring.
Jürgen Aumüller, president of American Express Travel Related Services for Europe, said that the problem was with the airlin rather than American Express, and that talks were under way with the participating carriers in its Membership Miles programs around the world to extend the program's benefits to dollar-cardholders.

He also said American Express was trying to get British Airways and Lufthansa to participate in the program. More than 100,000 international holders of

American Express cards who pay their bills in dollars have been excluded from the promotional scheme, which was introduced in the United States in 1991 and is now being extended in Europe. The program rewards users of the card by granting them points that can be applied to customer-fidelity programs run by participating hotels and airlines. Mr. Aumüller said the company had put a priority on setting up the programs for its European national units, which have 4.5 million local-currency customers.

He said extending the scheme to include cardholders who pay in dollars was a "very complicated process requiring additional negotiations with the participating airlines. "It's not something we don't want 100 percent," Mr. Aumüller said. "It's very de-

pendent on the airline participants and requires a lot of negotiations. If we could have an Ecu card in Europe, it would be much He said American Express aimed to bring

European dollar-cardholders into the programs "by the second quarter of 1994." Virgin Atlantic Airways, however, which is participating in American Express's program

in Britain, due to be launched Nov. 1. said there was "never a question" of including non-sterling cardholders and that it would be "no problem" to do so if it wanted.

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James Murray, a Virgin spokesman. He said that the airline was seeking to attract "a group of very lucrative business travelers" and that "the sterling cardholders are an ideal

"If the scheme is effective, we will consider extending it to non-sterling cardbolders," he said. "It's easy enough to calculate a dollar conivalent."

Mr. Aumüller said it was in his company's interest to accommodate the dollar-cardholders in Europe.
The Membership Miles program is offered

to local-currency cardholders in Australia. Canada, Mexico, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Thailand. A spokesman said talks were also under way to open these programs to international dollar-cardholders. In Britain, in addition to Virgin, American Express is teaming up with frequent-flyer programs run by several carriers but not with the country's biggest, British Airways.

The program will also be launched in Germany on Nov. 1, but without Lufthansa, its

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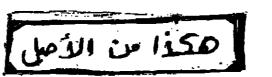
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A One-Two Punch on Health Care Plan

BALTIMORE - President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, teamed up Thursday to pitch their retooled health care plan to the nation, insisting that "100 percent" of Ameri-

cans would benefit and inviting the public to study the fine print. Mr. Clinton, in a speech at Johns Hopkins University, said the plan "is real, it is specific,

"It is universal and comprehensive," he said, adding that people involved in provid-ing health care "had a big role in this."

Traveling outside Washington one day after delivering a revised version of the plan to Congress, where competing proposals abound, Mr. Clinton said of the proposal: "It will fix what's wrong and keep what's right. It's high time we did it."

Mrs. Clinton, who is a chief architect of the plan as head of a presidential task force, said in an earlier speech to the same audience that the health care debate would be "a vigorous

"There is a lot at stake," she said. Taking note of the critics mobilizing on many sides, she added: "We want people to become informed in order to rebut the kinds of attacks, the misinformation, the advertising campaigns that will be stirred up in the

In sending the revised plan to Capitol Hill on Wednesday, Mr. Clinton renewed a chal-lenge to legislators to approve a bill in 1994. The president is trying to position his plan

competing plans - some that would set up a more sweeping government-run system and others with more limited goals to encourage broader access to affordable health coverage.

Aides said that although the president would aggressively push his principle of uni-versal health coverage for all, others in the administration would try to highlight flaws in competing proposals.

"Clinton will remain above the fray for a while at least," said an administration offi-

In the administration's view, competing plans are not as good because they do not lock in coverage for everyone and do not spell out what benefits would be guaranteed.

Clinton-Like in Complexity and Idealism

By Steven Pearlstein

WASHINGTON - Nothing Bill Clinton has done so far, or is likely to do, better defines his presidency than the massive health care plan he has just delivered to

Congress.

Woven through the 1,300-page plan is a liberal's passion to help the needy, a conservative's faith in free markets and a politician's focus on the middle class.

The plan is most like Mr. Clinton in its complexity, its sheer ambition, its determina-tion to make government, as the president said in his inaugural address, a place for "hold, persistent experimentation."
"It's not a cautious plan," said John Rother, chief lobbyist for the American Asso-

ciation of Retired Persons, who supports the plan's general direction. "It pushes the boundaries of what is thought to be do-able." Although the word "expertise" has taken

on a negative connotation in recent years, it remains a point of pride with Mr. Clinton that the health plan has had more input, and been reviewed by more policy analysts, than any legislation in modern history.

Every page of the plan they have come up with is infused with their faith —critics might say conceit - that government can again become an active, effective agent for change capable of solving the most intractable prob-

The most Clintonesque part of it is the apparent belief that an army of policy wonks can predict what would happen under a program that would change one-seventh of the economy, which, after 30 years of experience. tells us we can't do," said Joseph Califano, whose own idealism crashed into reality during his tenure as health secretary under President Jimmy Carter.

Mr. Clinton and his team have been selling health reform as an elixir for America. Their pitch is that it will not only extend health care to the poor and control its cost, but also guarantee financial security, raise wages, reduce the federal budget deficit and make U.S. firms more competitive.

The essence of the plan is a shotgun marriage between the most cherished ideas of left and right — a third way that Mr. Clinton has been trying to blaze

On the one hand, the plan not only relies on the existing free market in health care services, but also takes steps to instill price and quality competition among providers where it does not exist.

On the other hand, the plan establishes an elaborate new framework of government

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rules, sanctions, incentives and price controls that will govern everything from the forms used by hospitals to the number of brain surgeons who will be trained in every state

every year.

Mr. Clinton calls this marriage "managed competition," but to many it sounds like an

He is driven by the political identity he wants to have of a centrist new-style Democrat, not an old-style tax-and-spend Democrat," said Drew Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, a Californiabased organization that works to improve health care. "It's a mission he is on."

"It's trying to take the best of both worlds, but it's a straddle, and I'm not sure it works," said Representative Dave McCurdy, Democrat of Oklahoma, a onetime political ally of the president's. "Certainly from a political standpoint, it's a very hard sell."

The complexity is largely the result of Mr. Clinton's insistence on charting this middle course between the political shouls of "big government" and unfettered markets.

Early on, a number of Clinton advisers favored simplifying the way Americans pay for health insurance by imposing a payroli tax to pay for the health insurance policy of their choice for all Americans, working or

not. The payroll scheme was favored by Sen

tor Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Mas-sachusetts, the Senate's leading health care advocate, as well as by organized labor. Mr. Clinton decided against it, according to aides, because it smacked too much of traditional liberal instincts toward taxes and big government. Congress's refusal in the spring to pass his broad-based energy tax only stiffened his reluctance to propose an

even bigger and broader tax.

Additionally, a health care tax levied as a percentage of wages would have involved a massive redistribution of income from the upper middle class to the poor and working

At the same time, Mr. Clinton was unwilling to abandon all progressive ambitions for health care change. As a result, the plan seeks to achieve through the back door some of the results a payroll tax would have achieved

Once he rejected the idea of a payroll tax. he had to do double back-flips to get to the same place," Mr. Rother said.

To avoid a broad-based tax, the Clinton proposal is built around a mandate that all sinesses pay 80 percent of the cost of a Fortune 500 health policy for all employees. Laid over the mandate is an elaborate and expensive system of government subsidies

and price caps.

And to assure those concerned that this subsidy program does not turn into a blank check drawn on the Treasury, the administration this week proposed to cap the cost of the program - a fiscal circuit breaker that would force Congress to deal with a runaway new entitlement either by raising taxes, raising premiums or reducing health benefits. Administration officials implicitly ac-

knowledge the complexity that derives from some of their policy prescriptions. But Ira C. Magaziner, a chief presidential adviser on health care, reminded reporters that the com-plexity of the current system "defies human

From the vantage point of a car passenger seat, an Altadena woman reacted to the sight of her neighbor's house on fire.

Lashed by Wind, California Fires Spread

LOS ANGELES - Runaway brushfires burned or severely dam-aged hundreds of homes and scorched more than 90,000 acres of brush and timberland in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego and Ventura counties in Southern California on Wednesday and

In Washington on Thursday, President Bill Clinton declared the counties to be disaster areas and promised to bring "a full federal

Damage was expected to run into the hundreds of millions of

Forcing thousands to flee, the wind-whipped infernos struck hardest in the picturesque seaside resort town of Laguna Beach 40 miles (65 kilometers) southeast of Los Angeles and a neighborhood of the upscale Altadena suburb, located 15 miles northeast of Los Ange-

No deaths were reported, but dozens of fire fighters and several residents were reported injured in the 13 separate blazes. The Laguna fire was attributed

to an arsonist and the Altadena one

to a transient's campline.

In Laguna Beach, flames driven by hot, dry winds off the desert destroyed at least 300 homes many of them multimillion-dollar estates - Wednesday afternoon.

The fire leapfrogged from house to house as desperate residents abandoned valuable belongings and fled for their lives. "The city is going up in flames," said Mayor Lida Lenney, as she

packed up to leave her home. God, what next?" The city's entire population of 24,000 was evacuated as California lighway Patrol officers and local police joined understaffed fire-

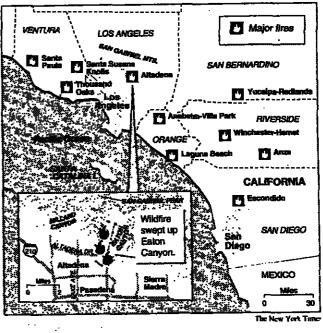
fighting teams in a losing battle to slow the blaze. By nightfall, homes in Laguna

Canyon were ablaze. An hour later, the winds shifted and the fire turned back to the north, approaching the city of Ir-

California, Irvine, and a nearby residential area, were ordered evac-

Winds that blew at a strength of

more than 70 miles per hour Some 6.500 fire lighters were Wednesday, making the flames unbattling the fires. Another 600 fire Arson was suspected in several more than 70 miles per hour of the other blazes as well. Wednesday, making the flames uncontrollable, weakened Thursday, giving hope that progress could be made. fighters from the U.S. Forest Ser-



contentious and apparently unprecedented dispute over Senator Bob Packwood's refusal to comply with an ethics committee subpoens of his personal diaries sought as part of an investigation of alleged

Ending three days of uncertainty over how to proceed, the Democratic leader, George J. Mitchell of Maine, announced that the Senate would begin on Monday to consider the committee's request for authority to force Mr. Packwood by legal means to turn over the diaries. The step will be debated after a formal vote to compel attendance, said Mr. Mitchell.

He made the announcement after the committee refused to back off its decision despite pressure from many of Mr. Packwood's Republican colleagues to do so.

then tried to intimidate into keeping quiet about the incidents. (WP)

The committee has been investigating allegations that Mr. Packwood, 61, an Oregon Republican, made unwanted sexual advances to more than two dozen female aides, lobbyists and associates and

CIA's Word Is Good Enough, Democrat Says

WASHINGTON — Pleading for release of an intelligence authorization bill being held bostage, a senator says the CIA director, R. James Woolsey, has assured him that a search of agency files found none of the documents that Senate Republicans allege exist on a Pentagon nominee they are trying to block.

"That is the word of the director of the CIA and that word is good

enough for this senator," said Dennis DeConcini, Democrat of Arizona and chairman of the Senate intelligence committee Mr. DeConcini, in a speech on the Senate floor, said Mr. Woolsey had assured him that a search of agency files turned up none of the

documents conservative Republicans say exist on Morton H. Halperin, President Bill Clinton's nominee as assistant secretary of defense for democracy and peacekeeping.

Senate Republicans have put a hold on the annual intelligence authorization bill while they challenge the nomination. Several conservative Republicans contend that the CIA has documents about meetings Mr. Halperin allegedly held overseas, sources familiar with the situation have said.

Bipartisan Group Seeks More Budget Cuts

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan group of House moderates and conservatives, dissatisfied with the spending cuts in the budget package Congress approved in August, has announced a plan for \$103 billion more in cuts over the next five years.

More than one-third of the proposed deficit reduction would be achieved through savings in health care programs for the elderly, which puts the group at odds with administration plans for using those savings to help finance health care reforms.

(WP)

Quote/Unquote

Reactions to President Clinton's health-care plan:
"A historic moment," Representative Thomas S. Foley, Democrat
of Washington and the House speaker.

"The largest entitlement program in the history of the world, not just the United States," Senator Paul D. Coverdell. Republican of

Doris Duke Dies, Heiress Was 80

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LOS ANGELES - Doris Duke, 80, who inherited her father's tobacco fortune to become known as "the Richest Girl in the World." died Thursday in Beverly Hills af-

ter a long illness. Doris Duke was a month shy of her 13th birthday when her father, James Buchanan Duke, died in 1925 and left the bulk of his estate of \$300 million to her, his only child. Most of the Duke millions

Miss Duke grew up on Duke

Miss Duke's fortune was estimated this year at \$750 million by sey, a spacious estate developed by her father, which she later expanded. At her death, she had five homes decorated with the art and artifacts she collected from around

the world. Her father had protected his "Duchess" from public view. But attention began to focus on the young heiress, especially when, 10 months after the stock-market crash of 1929, with bread lines already forming, Miss Duke held a

oming-out party for 600 guests.

Both of Miss Duke's marriages ended in divorce. In 1935 she mar-ried James H. R. Cromwell. Her second husband was the playboy and polo player Profire Rubirosa. One evening in Rome in 1945, Miss Duke told a friend that her

vast fortune was in some ways a barrier to happiness. "All that money is a problem sometimes," she said. "It happens every time. After I've gone out with a man a few times, he starts to tell me how much he loves me. But how

can I know if he really means it? How can I ever be sure?" Miss Duke's fortune had a particularly deep effect on her because she was thought for years to be the richest woman in the world, And she had that reputation during the Depression, when her wealth stood in especially stark contrast to widespread poverty. As a result, although some other fortunes exceeded hers and although she lived

relatively quietly, she was always a celebrity

Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, was the main beneficiary of the Duke Endowment. established by James Duke with \$40 million in 1924. He left another

\$67 million to it when he died. In 1988, Miss Duke adopted Charlene Gail (Chandi) Hefiner. but the relationship ended abruptly in 1991. Miss Helfner, now 40, sued Miss Duke for breach of concame from the American Tobacco tract, and a judge in New Jersey Co., the Duke Power Co. and real last week refused to dismiss the

Forbes magazine. (AP, NYT)

Shiite Dissidents And Saudis Agree On Repatriation

New York Tunes Service

PARIS — The Saudi government has reached an agreement with Shiite opponents of the regime to suspend their activities abroad, including publications that attack Saudi Arabia's human rights record. In return, exiled Shiites are being guaranteed a safe return to Saudi Arabia.

According to senior Saudi officials and spokesmen for the Reform Movement, a loosely orga-nized Shiite opposition movement, the group terminated publication of its monthly newsletter, Arabian Peninsula, which was printed in London, and agreed to stop assailing the Saudi government,

In return, the government agreed to let the dissidents return home safely, to release an undetermined number of imprisoned opposition figures and to reinstitute passports for others in the Shiite community.

The Shiite community is estimated to number 700,000 out of a population of about 12 million.

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 America's Roman Catholic bishops have drafted a statement calling for a more active U.S. role in the world, including preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and global arms sales, supporting the United Nations, expanding foreign aid and, when necessary, using military force for interventions intended to rescue people from hunger or mass violence. The draft will be submitted for amendments and a vote when the bishops

meet on Nov. 15-18 in Washington. • A seventh murder charge has been filed in New York against a man suspected of killing 18 people, mostly prostitutes. Joei Rifkin was charged with murder, tampering with evi-

dence and removing a body in the death of Iris Sanchez, 25, the district attorney said. • Seven makers of diet pills and formulas were charged by New York State with mak-ing false claims about their products in national advertisements. Cited were Hanover Labs of Livingston, New Jersey; Martrim of Lawrence, Kansas; Prolab Nutrition of Berlin, Connecticut; Universal of New Brunswick, New Jersey; Body by Jay Fitness Enter-

prises of Santee, California; America's Best Nutritionals of Destin, Florida, and World Wide Marketing of Hollywood. • Child abuse cases have increased 50-fold in the United States in the last 20 years, to

nearly 3 million annually -a trend attributable to tough economic times, violence in American society and a breakdown in neighborhood life, accroding to a panel of experts, the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse, established by Congress in 1988.

• The first Tailbook court-martial in the sexual misconduct scandal was put on hold mo-ments before it was to begin in Nortolk, Virginia, so a military appeals court can determine whether the accused navy lieutenant. David Samples, had been guaranteed immunity from prosecution earlier this year.

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Exiled Haiti Leader Exhorts UN to Set Tighter Sanctions

By Julia Preston ushington Part Service

UNITED NATIONS. New York - The Reverend Jean-Ber- ized the streets of the capital trand Aristide, the exiled Haitian leader, called Thursday for a fullscale international trade and air embargo against Haiti to force recalcitrant military leaders to step

down and allow his return.
In an address to the United Nations General Assembly and in comments to reporters later. Father Aristide said the July 3 accord he had signed with the military chief, Lieutenant General Raoul Cedras. remained in effect even if he was unable to reassume power Satur-

day as the pact stipulates.

He urged his prime minister.

Robert Malval, who is in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, to tian capital of Port-au-Prince, to

continue in his post.
Under the accord, General Cedras and the police chief, Colonel Joseph Michel François, who led a September 1991 coup against Father Aristide, should have stepped down by Oct. 15. But they balked, demanding that Haiti's parliament cnact a broad amnesty for all coup participants before they would relinquish power.

pledged Thursday to summon the mercial air travel to Haiti. parliament to pass an amnesty law and Colonel François stepped wider sanctions. A global oil and down. He said only that this law arms embargo and freeze on the that would shelter military leaders including warships from the Unit-from criminal prosecution as well ed States, France, Britain, Canada

peatedly on Haitians to "say no to revenge." Many military officers as well as the paramilitary "attachés" paid gunmen who have terrorhave said they seared lynching by pro-Aristide mobs if they gave up

"There can be no democracy without opposition," Father Aris-tide said, adding that he would open his "arms and heart" to politicians opposing him once Géneral Cédras and Colonel François were gone. Brushing aside U.S. pressure, he did not specify whether or how he would include opposition members in his government, but only ruled out army officers associated

is up to those who violated it to yield."

He asked the United Nations to place an embargo on all trade to Haiti, to be "enforced by sea and air." The UN action would make globally binding the regional and voluntary sanctions adopted by the Organization of American States last week. Father Aristide said it would be up to the Security Coun-In a gesture that seemed to hard- cil to determine whether the sancen the impasse, Father Aristide tions would include a halt on com-

The Security Council said Monimmediately after General Cedras day that it was ready to impose would be consistent with Haitian financial assets of coup leaders was Constitution, declining to clarify reimposed by the council on Oct. whether he would accept a pardon 18. Since Monday, a naval force as punishment for political crimes. and Argentina has been on patrol in a generally conciliatory off Haiti to enforce those sancspeech. Father Aristide called re-tions.

NERDS: PC Types Fire Off E-Mail

exulted Alan Cooper, a software designer. "Today, the guys who are successful are the guys who have control of information. It used to be the jocks had the power. They're not important any more. The guys born to master information are the new ruling elite."

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At Rent-a-Nerd, a company in Vienna, Virginia, that troubleshoots computer problems, the founder Mike Wyckoff's business card reads "Head Nerd."

Of course, not all computer wizards are comfortable being nerds. The UnixWorld products editor. Lisa Stapleton, who majored in applied math and physics at the University of California at Berkeley, has "not only been a nerd, but a female nerd, which is even worse."

Historically, nerds have certainly

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short-sleeved shirts," writes Robert X. Cringely, another columnist.

Dan Gookin, an author and avowed computer nerd, nonetheless engages in some negative ste-reotyping in his popular books, "PCs for Dummies" and "DOS for Dummies." With a pedantic finger pointing skyward, a pencil-necked cartoon nerd with big glasses and bad hair pops up every few pages to nag readers about technical "driv-

Lexicographers at the American Heritage Dictionary contend that it first appeared in 1950 in Dr. Seuss' book "If I Ran the Zoo": "And then, just to show them, I'll sail to Seuss nerd, according to the dictionary, was "a small humanoid crea-



Josue LaFrance, right, an anti-Aristide deputy, talking with pro-Aristide deputies in Port-an-Prince.

COLONY: China and U.K. at Crossroads in Talks

Continued from Page 1 China's Foreign Ministry. "Of course there is still much to be done before the two sides can reach

In making no public concessions or substantial counterproposals to Mr. Patten's plans, Chipa has challenged his credibility and pushed Britain, which is more concerned with its international reputation than local popularity, into a corner. Already criticized by Hong Kong liberals for offering to significantly weaken its original propos-als. London apparently believes it

is time to take a stand. All indications are that Mr. Major will support Mr. Patten's threat to move ahead without Beijing's cooperation by introducing legisla-tion to Hong Kong's Legislative

ouncil for approval. "We on the British side are not going to reach an agreement that would result in Hong Kong being a victim, that you can be sure of. Agence France-Presse reported Sir Robin as saying after the latest round of talks finished.

He repeated a warning delivered sential discussions on major infra-earlier this month by Mr. Patten structure projects in Hong Kong. that weeks, not months, remained Only when Mr. Patten made

to reach an agreement Mr. Patten's advisers say they believe his attempts to meet China halfway have proved Britain's flexi-bility and reasonableness to a nervous local community that prefers consultation to confrontation. Now, however, after claiming China has offered no concessions, they believe the time has come to act.

"The only way Mr. Patten achieves anything on this front with China is by playing hardball," said Archie Hart, head of research with Crosby Securities in Hong Kong, "He will play hardball

offered a slate of proposals that would widen the voting base for Legislative Council elections and open other political bodies to direct

Initially, Thina ignored the pro-posals, then launched a blistering attack on them, singling out British among China's senior leaderst business interests while stalling es-

Only when Mr. Patten made good on a threat to present his proposals to the Legislative Coun-cil did Beijing tone down its rheto-ric and agree to begin the talks, which have dragged on inconclusively since April.

Any Legislative Council vote on a package not already approved by China, however, would be unac-ceptable to Beijing, which might see in Hong Kong's autonomy after 1997 a threat to its sovereignty and its ability to control other areas of China chaling under central rule.

Although the 16th round of talks will allow Beijing another chance to Last October, the governor first make a deal with London, not many people believe such a move is likely.

> "Doing a deal with the British colonialists is no way to get promoted," said a source close to the talks, referring to Britain's belief that internal jockeying for position among China's senior leadership

DEAL: Israel and Qatar Hold Talks on Gas Project

politically, given Qutar's small size and its need to follow the lead of much larger Gulf states, such as Saudi Arabia and Iran.

"It's one of these euphoric Ka-Troo and Bring Back an It-kutch a Preep and a Proo a Nerkle making of the peace process in the thoughts that went along with the a Nerd and a Seersucker, too!" The Middle East, not a real project." said an Arab oil minister.

Despite these demurrals, Israeli been fair game. "Neat little anal-retentive men with penchants for thin, cross Chester A. Arthur." was real. • peace process."

dollar joint venture with an uniden-tified Egyptian company to build self-rule to the occupied West Bank an oil refinery at the Egyptian free and Gaza Strip. trade zone of Alexandria. Although this project had been in the works before the Israel-PLO accord, a Merhav official said that "it certainly has been expedited by the

Israel's contacts with the Muslim Indonesia.

In a separate energy project, Is- world have expanded in the six rael's Merhav business group said weeks since it signed an agreement that it had agreed on a billion- with the Palestine Liberation Orga-

> After the signing ceremony, Israeli leader to Morocco, and two answer he gave."

Storm Over Auschwitz Book Some See Cynicism in Author's Clinical Tone

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

LA VILLE DU BOIS, France - Jean-Claude Pressac, the local pharmacist in this village near Paris, finds himself at the center of a storm. His recently published book, "The Auschwitz Crematoria: The Machinery of Mass Slaughter," has been alternatively hailed in France as the definitive account of how the Nazis installed and operated their instruments of murder, and vilified as the barren ruminations of a man with a twisted need to prove the massacre of Jews that be once doubted.

What is indisputable is that Mr. Pressac has written a most unusual book, based on previously inaccessible documents of the Nazi SS seized by the Soviet Army at Auschwitz in 1945 and long stored in the KGB ar-

chives in Moscow. Among the conclusions in the book are that 800,000 people — rather than the widely accepted figure of 1.1 million — died at Auschwitz, and that the Nazi decision to wipe out European Jews dates from June 1942, not the previous year. But its most important contribution, some historians say, is in providing new docu-mentary evidence of the process of mass killings at a time when denial that the Holocaust occurred has

grown more widespread. Written in a tone as matter-of-fact as an accountant's audit, the book is largely based on previously unpublished commercial correspondence and contracts linking Nazi officers at Auschwitz and the German engineering company J.A. Topf & Sons, which built the gas chambers, ventilation systems. elevators, crematoriums and other devices that made murder possible on what Mr. Pressac calls "an indus-

The book is filled with discussions of the corpses per-hour capacity of furnaces at Auschwitz and Birkenau, analysis of ventil-tion problems encountered by the Nazis in handling the Zyklon-B gas they used, reviews of oven temperatures and chimney sizes, arguments over payments for machinery and accounts of the bidding wars between German companies for lucrative death-camp contracts.

"Nobody could ever give me a satisfactory explanation of how mass murder at Auschwitz took place, how it was technically feasible," Mr. Pressac said as he paced a small, paper-littered room above his pharmacy. "Architectural plans of the camp did not add up. So I had doubts about the Holocaust, and those doubts led to 12 years of research. What my book does, I believe, is provide definitive, documentary proof of how mass killing was perpetrated, and so the definitive rebuttal of revisionist theories."

Mr. Pressac, 49, was once a "revisionist" himself. a follower of Robert Faurisson, a French historian who says Nazi gas chambers never existed. Such theories, including claims that the extent of the

Nazi killing of Jews has been exaggerated, have multiplied in recent years, particularly among far-right The Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld is among those

who believe that Mr. Pressac's work amounts to a major contribution to the literature of the Holocaust. That opinion is widely shared in France, where maga-zines and newspapers have given wide coverage to the

153-page book, which was published in September. But Claude Lanzmann, the director of the Holocaust movie "Shoah," was enraged by the book. Mr. Pressac's work, he wrote in the weekly Le Nouvel Observateur, is pernicious, marked by the bizarre reasoning of people like Mr. Faurisson who deny the

By insisting, with chilling disinterest, on documentary proof, by discounting the emotional testimony of survivors, "the book legitimizes the arguments of revisionists, who become the point of reference for future debate," Mr. Lanzmann wrote.

"I prefer the tears of the barber from Treblinka ir 'Shoah' to a Pressac document on gas detectors," he

After this attack, an invitation to Mr. Pressac to speak at a prominent Paris writers' chub was abruptly canceled. "Lanzmann has never set foot in an archive," Mr. Pressac said angrily. "I am a pharmacist, I believe in technical detail, in the pursuit of proof. And

I stand by my approach." Some concentration camp survivors and their children living in France have reacted angrily, saying in a statement that the book amounts to the height of cynicism. Genocide was possible because it happened

Mr. Pressac, who bases his dating of the "Final Solution" in June 1942 partly on contracts for a rapid expansion of the Auschwitz crematorium concluded at that time, illustrates, through previously unpublished architectural plans, how the redesigned Auschwitz morgue of December 1942 was clearly conceived as a

gas chamber. Throughout, the tone of the book is dry. Human emotion has virtually no place. At one point, Mr. Pressac describes the death process in production-line. terms: receipt of raw material (live human bodies). followed by the transformation process (the gas cham-

bers), stocking and final use (cremation).

"Look," he said, "I am not going to cry like a bab; before the Auschwitz crematoria. I wanted proof; I found it. As for the nature of evil, the fact is that most

people obev." Pierre Vidal-Naquet, a French historian and author of "Assassins of Memory," a book on denial of the Holocaust, said Mr. Pressac had revealed valuable new details on the technical functioning of Auschwitz and on the way the Topf engineering company was aware of, dominated and exploited "the market of

But Mr. Vidal-Naguet added: "I am troubled by the French media calling this work the truth about Auschwitz, as if some lie existed before. The book is utterly bizarre. I cannot stand its tone. I am always troubled when one forgets the existence of human beings in-favor of a tone suitable for an analysis of the Chicago

RSI: U.K. Judge Says Repetitive Stress Doesn't Exist Continued from Page 1 suffering from and not knowing

more likely stemmed from his lack of confidence as a copy editor and Prosser said. his feelings of being watched and even victimized by colleagues at

Mr. Mughal, who was not in court, has not worked since he accepted indemnity payments and left Reuters in late 1989.

The judge said Mr. Mughal's only medical witness, Dr. Richard Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Pearson, had been "hesitant and made the first public visit by an unsure of himself with almost every

how best to deal with it," Judge

"At the end of his evidence I was none the wiser as to what RSI was meant to be."

Mr. Mughal, who is married and has three children, told the judge during a weeklong hearing in June that he had been in constant pain since developing repetitive stress injury in 1988 and still could not carry out simple household tasks.

His case was supported by the journalists union, which will be rehle for na with an unexpected stopover in Indonesia. Indonesia. Indonesia. Indonesia. Indonesia in treated Mr. Mughal as a guinea pig. Indonesia. Indonesia. Indonesia indonesia. Indonesia indonesia indonesia. Indonesia indonesia indonesia indonesia. Indonesia indonesia. Indonesia ind

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The judge was told after the ruling that Mr. Mughal had turned down an offer of £20,000 to settle out of court.

The judge said that medical opinion over repetitive stress injury was divided but that he was most impressed by a hand surgeon who had given evidence on behalf of Reuters and had stated, "RSI is not a disease or diagnosis, but a label."

The judge added: "RSI is in reality meaningless in that it has no pathology. RSI is too easy a term to use and its use serves to confuse.

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Satellite Hits Sea, **But China Doubts It**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatch COLORADO SPRINGS — The U.S. Space Command said Thursday that a disabled two-ton Chinese satellite had crashed into the Pacific Ocean west of Peru.

No one hurt. No big deal. Except that the Chinese said nothing of the sort could have happened. If an object from space had fallen to Earth, they said, it wasn't theirs.

Their satellite was good as gold for six more months, at least, the Chinese said. Or as good as the diamongs of a Mao Zedong medallion that was in the space vehicle.

The U.S. Space Command began announcing the demise of the Chi-nese reconnaissance satellite a few days ago, getting more precise in its forecasts as time passed. Since last Friday, the smackdown time had been put at 1606 GMT on Thursday. (The actual time it struck the ocean at 1609 GMT, the Space Command said.)

During all this, although admit ting they had lost control of the satellite, the Chinese denied their vehicle was in imminent danger. Not only were the Americans wrong, they said, but so were the Germans and others who came to the same conclusion from reading

Just hours before the crippled satellite "skipped through the atmosphere like a stone on a lake," in the words of the Space Command, and struck down about 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) off the Peruvian coast, the China National Space Administration said: "We do not understand why the Americans continue to say it will fall immi-

neatly."
"If a craft falls in the Pacific Ocean during the night, it won't be our satellite," the Chinese said. that the Americans have made a big

out of control since Oct. 16, "will \$1 million in cash payments not come back to earth within the

Set aloft by a Long March 2C for scientific research," according to a Chinese spokesman.

"The satellite is not carrying any about its re-entry will be publicized in a timely manner." (AP. AFP) that he kept handy.

ASIAN TOPICS

Hong Kong Chinese Like English Names

Tens of thousands of young Chinese in Hong Kong add Eng-lish names to their Chinese names each year. The New York Times reports from the crown colony. It is not uncommon to encounter sophisticated Chinese with

names like Sherlock, Apple, Psyche, Creamy or Cinderella. The practice has been growing for the past couple of decades.
"Today, taking an English
name is a kind of rite of passage for many Chinese here," said Cathy Tsang-Feign, a psycholo-

gist and newspaper advice colum-Even in these final years of British rule, with Beijing scheduled to take over the territory in 1997, teachers and parents say the cachet of a Western name has

never been stronger. Some Chinese parents in Hong Kong give their children Western names at birth, but most who have such names choose their

Rachel Wong said people liked to have English-language names "because it shows they are Westemized.

"These names set them apart from the mainland Chinese and even from people in Taiwan," she

While many take traditional names like Jane or David, some choose names that tend to puzzle, amaze and delight Westerners -

names like Civic. Scholastica and

Open. One local newspaper recently referred to a truck driver named Hitler Wong, and ran a letter to the editor signed by Jackal

Around Asia

With growing presperity, mo-torbikes are rapidly replacing bi-cycles in Hanoi. And officials in the Vietnamese capital are laying down lines and criminal charges for the growing army of well-off youngsters who ride motorbikes recklessly, according to the Hanoi Moi newspaper.
For a first offense, the bike will

be confiscated for 30 days and the rider fined two million dong (\$200) — the annual income of an iverage Vietnamese.

The penalties were decided after several nighttime high-speed rides by hundreds of young bik-ers around Hoan Kiem Lake in the city center.

People call Taiper's subway the roller coaster, but without the fun. And that is before it has carried its first commuter, The Associated Press reports.

The 55-mile (90-kilometer) Mass Rapid Transit has encountered delays, cost overruns and accidents. Its \$10 billion price tag has hallooned by 60 percent since construction began in 1989.

The first of six lines was com-pleted last month but the opening was postponed indefinitely after the train brakes caught fire twice during test runs, and hairline cracks were found in one-third of the horizontal concrete supports for the elevated sections.



STEPPING OUT - Japan's Empress Michiko making her first public appearance in Tokyo on Thursday since collapsing Oct. 20 on her 59th birthday. The empress, who is still unable Arthur Highee to speak, was visiting the archives at the Imperial Palace.

Haig Faults Policy on China Tiananmen 'a Long Way Behind Us,' He Says

By Patrick E. Tyler

BELTING — Sitting in one of the skyscraper hotels that signify China's economic ascent, former Sec-retary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. was seething about United States policy toward China.

Visiting Beijing early this month to introduce the new president of the United Technologies Corp. to the Chinese leadership, Mr. Haig argued that Washington was about to lose China again by driving the next generation of Chinese leaders toward "jingoism" and "anti-Americanism."

"How dare we go around telling the rest of the world" that they must live up to American standards on human rights, he demanded. "I think the time has come to take a different tack here," he said. "And Tianammen is a long way

His hotel is a few miles east of Tiananmen Square, where thou-sands demonstrating for democracy fled the military crackdown June

Russians Seek To Keep Base at Cam Ranh Bay

MOSCOW - Russia would like to retain the former Soviet Navy base at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam and develop military cooperation with Hanoi, Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev said Thursday.

Russia is interested in keeping the base "on the basis of bilateral agreements," Mr. Kozyrev told the Interfax news agency after meeting with Foreign Minister Nguyen Manh Camh of Vietnam.

"It's especially important now that neither Asian countries, nor other more distant states, object against military contacts betweet Moscow and Hanoi or see any

threat in that," Mr. Kozyrev said. could affect not only careers but Mr. Camh said talks on the funure Russian military presence in Cam Ranh were still going on. "We are interested in finding a solution which would correspond to the

present moment," he said.
The Soviet Union aided North Vietnam during the Vietnam War. The Soviet Pacific Fleet later established a major base at Cam Ranb, a former U.S. installation.

In the late 1980s, relations between the Soviet Union and Vict-nam cooled after Mikhail S. Gorbachev cut aid to Hanoi. Some Russian personnel are still based at Cam Ranh and Russian warships visit the bay, but funds for the facility have been sharply cut back.

With President Bill Clinton meeting the leader of the Chinese Communist Party, Jiang Zemin, in Seattle next month, the question of whether and how to move U.S.-Chinese relations into a new era is most likely to be answered soon.

The greatest restriction to movement may have come from Mr. Clinton himself.

In May, he laid down a daunting challenge to the Chinese leadership when he signed an executive order extending China's most-favored-nation trading privileges for anoth-er year, but insisting that in that e China show "consistent overall progress" on human rights.

Many China specialists worry that this schedule may be too short and internal pressures too great. China's paramount leader, Deng.

Xiaoping, 89, is in declining health. and the prospect of his death has rendered his potential successors more cautious than ever about undertaking change. Any leader who could be said to have bent to America's will might be vulnerable in any power struggle after Mr. Deng's death.

Moving U.S.-Chinese relations away from the annual congressional wrangle over renewal of trade status, with its emphasis on human rights, is an idea shared by numerous businessmen and diplomats who are coming to China.

This view is also shared by such China specialists as Kenneth Lieberthal at the University of Michigan, who have begun to advocate that the United States "should stop ishing China for the massacre of demonstrators" near Tiananmen Square" because China is simply too big and too important to isolate

Mr. Haig lowers his voice to give

4. 1989, a night that left hundreds if not thousands dead. the kind of Japan "that we don't want to see" is to build a strong relationship with China.

Since the United States already has a strong relationship with Japan, an equally strong U.S.-Chinese relationship will be complementary, he argued. Keeping these future Asian superpowers balanced "is the greatest safeguard against regional uncertainty and instabil-' Mr. Haig said.

And what would become of human-rights policy?

"We would espouse our values, but we should do it by example, not by pedantry," he replies. Not far from his botel, a recently released political prisoner provided

some contrast. The prisoner was held for more than two years in solitary confinement and thought for a time that he had lost his mind in isolation. His health is broken, his life shattered by his pamphleteering for democracy in 1989. He asked that his

name not be used. After listening to a description of Mr. Haig's view, he said that keeping up the pressure on the Chinese leadership to respect human rights has been one of the greatest influences on its behavior.

"It would be very sad if the United States changed its policy in this way," he said.

■ China Sees 'Good Thing' China said Thursday that it hoped talks next month by American and Chinese heads of state would help improve relations and deepen mutual understanding, Agence France-Prese reported

from Beijing.
It also described as a "good thing" Mr. Clinton's recent deci-sion to step up high-level exchanges with China.

Mr. Clinton and President Jiang Zemin of China are scheduled to the geostrategic underpinning to meet in Seattle before the opening his argument. In the future, he said, of an Asia Pacific economic confermeet in Seattle before the opening the only way to protect Asia from ence Nov. 19.

A New Phase in Japan's Bribery Scandal

By James Sterngold

New York Times Service TOKYO - A simmering bribery scandal that has exposed deep webs "We can trace it with precision, of corruption between powerful and tommorow the facts will prove politicians and construction companies entered a dangerous new phase on Thursday when the first mistake."

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Chinese authorities insisted that case went to court and a former the satellite, launched Oct. 8, but mayor admitted accepting nearly

The former mayor of the large northern Japanese city of Sendai, Toru Ishii, did not formally plead rocket from the Jiuquan space cen-ter in northwest China, the satellite what the money was for, but prosewas carrying instruments to test cutors have asserted that it was a microgravity and "is mainly used bribe to steer lucrative construction contracts to several major contrac-

Mr. Ishii is said to have become muclear fuel or other harmful mate-rials," he added. "Information cash that he reportedly just tossed the envelopes into a cardboard box

The widening scandal already appears to have had a profound impact on the Japanese public, seemingly confirming long-held suspicions that the country's lush public works budgets were a means for lining the pockets of influential politicians and turning construc-tion companies into lavish political

It has also influenced Japan's relations with the United States. The government of Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa announced this week that it had agreed to open up the long-closed market for public works projects to foreign contractors. The concession was partly a result, many experts here have said, of the fact that Japanese negotiators could no longer reject assertions that the public works bidding process was riddled with corrup-

on. arrest earlier this year on tax eva-ing been close to Mr. Kanen In recent weeks, top executives sion charges of Shin Kanemaru, a and the construction industry.

of nearly every major construction company, men who wielded enora conservative power broker in the mous but quiet influence under the parliament for years. previous Liberal Democratic Party if important political leaders sovernment, have been arrested in there are arrested, the scandal gaudy media events. Last week

prosecutors made a spectacle of one search by sending 180 officials also the shape of Japanese politics. The Liberal Democratic Party fell to search the offices of the Kajima from power this summer after 38 Corp. before carting off several truckloads of documents. So far, two mayors and the governors of two prefectures have been arrested, along with the construction company executives. But most

After all, all these cases are be-

lieved to have originated with the

trol of the government anytime people here are wondering when soon, experts here say. the ax will fall on the national parliament, which is where the prosecutors appear to be inexorably heading and where they could do the most damage.

years, but it remains the single largest party in the parliament. The arrest of some of its leaders on bribery charges could extinguish any hopes it has of regaining con-

In addition, several influential members of the new coalition government of Prime Minister Hosokawa defected from the Liberal Democratic Party just a few months ago and are known for having been close to Mr. Kanemaru

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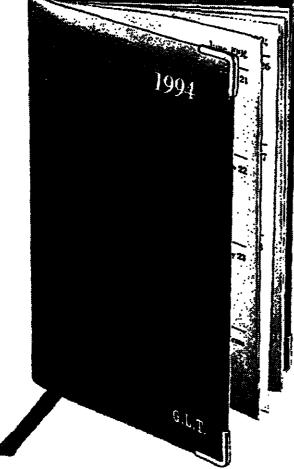
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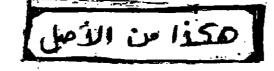
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Nuclear Fever in Ukraine

Warren Christopher has been in Ukraine trying to persuade the former Soviet republic to respect its brave no-nuclear-weapons pledges of 1992. It's tough going. Ukraine is new, big and bristling with nationalistic pride. It is in the strategic shadow of a nuclear giant, Russia, which somewhat resents Ukrainian nationhood. Not only does it possess the industrial capacity to go nuclear from scratch if it chose. It also has on its soil, and can look forward to having in its control, a force of nuclear missiles inherited from the Soviet armory.

The Bush administration talked tough, conditioning offers of economic and other support on prior yielding up of nuclear arms and op-tions. The Clinton team has taken a more expansive view, offering less-conditioned support as up-front encouragement for Ukrainian nuclear responsibility. But in fact neither approach has so far proved out. Ukraine is still fudging on dismantling the Soviet weapons and

n swearing off weapons of its own.

The problem is not so much America's deftness or lack of it as it is Ukraine's uncertainty. Ukraine is proud to reclaim independence, but it is inexperienced in dealing with the genuine difficulty of matching its security interests in respect to Russia with its economic and political interests in integrating into the Western

world. It needs time and practice, but it is under heavy pressure from the United States. Russia and others to make irreversible nuclear policy decisions, and to make them quickly. From an American standpoint, it is vital to

keep the pressure on. Not to is to tempt Ukraine to slide into a nuclear status quo, thus raising a risk of nuclear complication if not nuclear confrontation in a whole new corner of the world. It also makes sense to test further the policy of offering Ukraine semi-advance payments on nonproliferation. One such payment is a fair aid package—fair even if it falls short of Kiev's inflated requests. Another payment lies in the invitation to a new security "partnership" with NATO. The American role in nonproliferation is on the line.

But so is the Russian role. Moscow sometimes conveys an attitude that Ukraine is an unwarranted and impermanent state. This provokes Ukrainian nationalists to fresh surges of nuclear possessiveness. But Russia is not just any old neighbor of Ukraine. As a nuclear power, it has unshirkable duties as a patron of nonproliferation. It falls to Russia, more than to any other country, to create the climate of mutual respect that will help Ukraine's nuclear fever to subside.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Watch the Credit Reports

The term "cyberspace" refers to the computer network that now blankets the globe, through which information moves at the speed of light. Among the most coveted data in cyberland are the files that credit-reporting companies keep on 170 million people in the United States alone. Banks use them to screen applicants for loans, mortgages and credit cards. Landlords use them to choose tenants. Employers use them to turn away job applicants. Target-marketers salivate for them, because they show what people buy and how they pay for it. In a credit-wired climate like this, reporting companies have a special duty to be accurate and to offer speedy relief from errors in credit histories. The companies also need to safeguard privacy from target-marketing snoopers.

The 23-year-old Fair Credit Reporting Act, which limits the uses of credit reports, clearly needs updating. The old act is ill equipped for the modern techniques through which credit reports can be manipulated. marketed and generally spread around. Congress needs to hold the industry to higher standards of accuracy and privacy, but must take care not to strangle it in the process.

The American credit-reporting industry is dominated by three companies: TRW, Equi-lax Inc. and the Trans Union Corporation. Their data come from public records, from creditors like banks and retailers and from independent data collectors. When consumer advocates talk about reform, they invariably mention Norwich, Vermont, a village where TRW once threatened the credit rating of every taxpayer in town - the result of erroneous information entered into credit histories. Norwich is, so far, the only error of this magnitude. But the Federal Trade Com-

mission receives about 9,000 complaints about credit reports per year. That puls the credit industry first on the complaints list, ahead of car dealers and debt collectors.

The industry disputes those numbers, and contends that the actual rate of errors is far smaller. In either case the number of errors is minimal, given that a half-billion reports are issued each year.

Congress is considering two proposals for updating the act, one each in the House and Senate. The House bill is stronger. It grants consumers the right to a free report once a year, or when an error is discovered; requires credit reporting companies to offer toll-free numbers and to correct errors within 30 days; prohibits employers from snooping in credit iles without a job applicant's permission: forbids credit bureaus to sell or use credit reports for direct marketing purposes; and permits the states to pursue stiffer regulations if the federal law is not deemed adequate. The Senate bill lacks a provision for free reports

and limits industry liability for mistakes. The industry has already taken steps to speed up error correction, and contends that some of the bill's provisions will undermine business. But the companies have yet to make their case. Canadians get free credit reports; the notion that this would be too costly in the U.S. does not make sense. Nor does the idea that stricter state standards would make business too complicated. Dealing with local laws is a normal part of doing

business across state lines. If the industry can prove irreparable damage, perhaps some adjustments are in order. Otherwise Congress should move quickly on the House version of the bill.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The Choices on Health

Bill Clinton has converted his health care plan to a bill and sent it to Congress. The 1,342 pages of legislative language hardly make the subject simpler. It remains an elabo-rate answer to just two basic questions that push in opposite directions. One is how to extend basic coverage to the seventh of the population that at any one time is uninsured — and by the way, what is basic coverage? Should it be a Chevy or a Cadillac? The second question is how to pay for the coverage and at the same time restrain the rate of rise of national health care costs, which now eat up

about \$1 of every \$7 that Americans spend. The answers to these two questions drive most else. There is now an array of such answers before Congress. They vary mainly according to how large (or open) a role they assign to government. On the one hand, there is pressure to minimize the government role.

On the other hand, there is doubt that coverage will ever be universal or costs contained unless the government intervenes.

At one extreme in Congress is the so-called single-payer plan - you might call it Medicare for the entire population - in which the government would raise, through taxes, enough money to pay for hasic care for everyone. At the other end of the spectrum are plans that mostly tinker with the present system. Mainly backed by conservative Republicans, these tend to involve such steps as tax subsidies to help the poor buy more insurance, paid for in part by cuts in Medicare and Medicaid, and some insurance market reform to make it easier for those who find it hard to get insurance now. The conservatives make the usual point that the system is not all that broke and does not need all the fixing the Democrats propose.

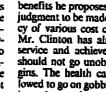
In between are the president's plan and a number offered by moderates of both parties. His tends to be somewhat more statist than theirs. To a large extent, what you find this New Democrat doing is federalizing the

health care system by another name. He would begin by providing generous universal coverage. They would go slower, and not guarantee it, if at all, until it was clearer that the money was available. He would finance it largely through an employer mandate — a' premium that every employer would have to pay for every employee but that would be paid off-budget; it would not be a part of the federal accounts. They do not like the mandate idea, but do not like most of the other

money-raising proposals, either. He would raise a lot of money through an elaborate system of cost containment about which they are also skeptical. In the first instance, he would rely on structured competition among providers to hold down costs and make the health care dollar go further. The competitive structure would be backed up by a national health care budget and what would amount to spending caps. He thinks he can save cnough through cost containment to avoid a major tax increase. The idea is that projected Medicare and Medicaid costs would fall

enough to pay most of the extra federal cost. Others think this is pie in the sky, and maybe it is. That is one of the judgments the next few months of hearings should help us all make. If it is thought that he is wrong, there will have to be either a larger tax or something less than the universal coverage or level of benefits he proposes. There is a fundamental judgment to be made, as well, as to the efficacy of various cost containment devices. But Mr. Clinton has already performed a huge service and achieved a great advance that should not go unobserved as the debate begins. The health care system cannot be allowed to go on gobbling dollars while bypassing as large a share of the population as it has. Mr. Clinton with his proposal has not only acknowledged that himself but has forced the country to acknowledge it. He has taken the risk of making something happen.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.





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Clinton's Foreign Policy Glosses Over Hard Reality

visin's foreign policy problem is not that a plan is lacking but that its plan rests upon a misconception of reality. The plan is to "enlarge" the space occupied by democracy in the contemporary world. This rests upon an unrealistic assumption about the significance of events since the fall of communism and a confidence in the United States "nation-building" capacities that developments in Somalia and Haiti have again

shown to be unwarranted.

Bill Clinton has appointed two men experienced in foreign affairs to his principal foreign policy posts: Warren Christopher as secretary of state and Anthony Lake as national security adviser. Both are experienced staff officers; nei-ther has demonstrated original thought or policy vision. They are to this administration what Dean Rusk was to the Johnson administration, which is not a comforting reflection. Mr. Rusk uncompromisingly carried out a misconceived American policy on Vietnam, never questioning that it might be mistaken.

President Clinton's people, like Mr. Rusk, be-lieve in a kind of domino theory. Mr. Rusk believed communism to be a unitary and expand-ing world force. The Clinton people believe that interlinked democracy and market economics are steadily enlarging their sway not only over the former Communist countries but in Africa,

Asia and Latin America as well. Their view combines the triumphalism of the late Reagan-Bush years, when communism did crumble, with the naive assumption, made fashionable in 1991-92, that history is "finishing" in universal democracy, market economics and something closely resembling the American way of life. They see American policy as essentially a matter of cooperating with the inevitable.

This supposedly involves multilateral action through a reformed United Nations, and "nation building" in the backward countries to accelerate By William Pfaff

their march toward democracy and the free mar-ketplace. American policy in Somalia and Haiti is conceived in such terms. The perceived problems are merely instrumental; the right methods have not yet been found, but the search is on. The American and Canadian forces blocked from landing in Haiti in mid-October were meant to "professionalize" army and police in that country, turning them into depoliticized agencies of democratic government. This was framed as a sixmonth assignment. In Somalia, the U.S. Army Rangers' now abandoned assignment was to "arrest" the man identified as the obstacle to demo-

cratic development in that country. None of this is intellectually serious. There certainly has been a turn toward Western political and economic ideas after communism's collapse, since market economics provides the only surviving model for industrial society. But to see democracy as necessary to markets, and the two together as an irresistible force in contemporary litics, is to ignore the role of power and greed history, as well as the immense barriers that exist to transnational transfers of social assumptions and institutions.

Africa has seen ostensibly democratic reforms. leading to free elections in some countries. It has in recent days and weeks seen elected govern-ments overturned by military coups in Burundi and Nigeria, attempted coups in Sierra Leone and Chad, sham elections in Togo and Cameroon, and stubborn defiance of democracy from America's former client in Zaire, "Marshal" Mo-butu Sese Seko. The UNITA movement in Angois fighting democracy there.

The democratic "wave" in Africa turns out to concern Benin, Zambia and Ghana—and South

Africa. Whether the extraordinary changes that

have taken place in South Africa will result in a lastingly democratic society remains to be seen. A totalitarian form of nationalism has taken the place of communism in Serbia and Croatia, and quite possibly will emerge elsewhere in southeastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. We do not yet know whether Boris Yelt-

sin will install lasting democratic institutions.

China successfully combines a form of market economics with despotic or arbitrary government

as did Augusto Pinochet's Chile, Brazil and South Korea under military rule, apartheid South Africa and Taiwan under Kuomintang rule, and as Singapore does today. We have recently been told by several Asian governments that Asians prefer it that way. And the United States' partner in the prospective North American Free Trade Area, Mexico, has not admitted a

serious challenge to its ruling party since 1929. It is characteristic of Americans to believe in general theories of historical progress, leading toward the democracy that Americans already enjoy. This belief persistently has been made the is for the country's foreign policy, more often

than not with disappointing results.

The supposed realpolitik that led Henry Kissinger and Richard Nixon to support military dictatorships in Greece, Vietnam, Cambodia and much of Latin America is repellent to this Administration, as it was to the Carter administration. However, one can reject a cynical policy and still make unsentimental judgments on how and why governments and people behave.

This is what the Clinton foreign policy staff seems unable to recognize. One can reject policy cynicism without rejecting realism. This is a serious concern, because if President Clinton's people take the world as other than it is, failure is inevitable, whatever the administra-

tion's good intentions. International Herald Tribune.

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Cheer Up, Europeans: A World Role Awaits You

BRUSSELS — The pessimism that grips much of Western Europe is striking for a visitor from East Asia, where growth is fast and optimism abounds.

Three factors are contributing to the mood of gloom in Europe. Economic recession has caused high unemployment, and the outlook for job security and family income

seems bleak. The Maastricht treaty on closer European union has proved to be more difficult to carry out than expected. And Europe's inability to end the protracted conflict in Bosnia has been demoralizing. Still, the prevailing pessimism

There is an evident willingness to

reform the overregulated economies of Western Europe and reduce the high burden of social security, although it is not clear whether political leadership will be strong enough to push through the needed changes. The application of the Maastricht

You Can Take Heart From U.S. History

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m RUSSELS}$ — As an extraordinary summit meeting inaugurates the Maastricht treaty creating a more integrated union for its 12 member nations, the mood is pessimistic, not celebratory. With recession, Bosnia and the tortuous path to ratification of Maastricht, this year has taken a psychological toll on Europe's lead-ers and peoples. Nevertheless, both a look at Amer-

ican history and a review of what has been accomplished on the Continent since the 1957 Treaty of Rome give reason for confidence in the future. Institution building is always a complex process, even more so be-

Viewed in this

perspective, the Community has been an enormous and rapid success.

cause the European Community is unlike anything in world history.
One of the great experiments ever undertaken by democratic governments, the Community is not a re-gional organization like the Organization of American States, a purely economic entity like the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, or an international organization like

the United Nations.

Neither is it a classical nationstate. It is a sui generis supranational organization in which nationstates have pooled sovereignty in many areas while retaining it in others. There are no precedents for what is being attempted in the Com-

munity — and achieved.

Manstricht is designed to further the integration process by leading to economic and monetary union, including a common currency and central bank by 1999, a common foreign and security policy, and joint action in areas of justice and social policy heretotore solely within the province of the member nations.

No one should minimize the difficulties of achieving these ambitions. But American history affords an encouraging context to counter Europessimists about an integration process that the United States has supported since the inception of the Community.

America was governed by the Articles of Confederation for almost a By Stuart E. Eizenstat The writer is U.S. ambassador to the European Community.

decade before the current constitution went into effect. The original 13 colonies established a government of states that reflected their distrust of a strong central government. Each state's sovereignty was guaranteed Congress could not levy taxes or

regulate trade. Even after the constitution established a stronger federal government to replace this ineffectual system, substantial power was retained by the states through the 10th Amendment
— a version of the "subsidiarity" issue with which the Community is struggling to give member nations greater freedom to act.

Only late in the last century did the U.S. Supreme Court interpret the constitution's commerce clause in a manner that permitted Washington to regulate in social and economic areas. As the debate over the Clinton health care plan shows, Americans continue to have important disagre-ments over the appropriate balance between federal and state power.

EC concern about the timetable for creation of a central bank and a common currency parallels U.S. difficulties in developing the sinews of a central financial system in the republic's early years. Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson sharply disagreed over whether to have a central bank at all.

The 20-year charter of the First Central Bank of the United States lapsed in 1811 under pressure from states. As much of the currency became valueless. Congress established the Second Bank in 1816, but Andrew Jackson vetoed renewal of its charter. Not until 30 years later during the Civil War were national banks created along with a safe, uniform currency. Even then, with no power to regulate the money supply, there were four financial panies from 1873 to 1907 that dwarf the problems faced this summer in the European Monetary System.

The Federal Reserve System was not created until 1913 — 124 years after adoption of the constitution, Still, the suspicion of a central bank remained so strong that Congress established reserve banks in each district in the country.

I do not suggest that the European Community, with its own history, political culture and society, should emulate an American model. The Community and its members will determine the organizational structures that best meet their needs. But if the United States had such difficulties in institution building with former colonies, it is all the more to

be expected with sovereign nations. France is not Florida, Germany is not Georgia. Italy is not Indiana. The Community's nation-states in some cases have more than a millennium of experience. Viewed in this perspective, the Community has been an enormous

and rapid success. Europeans' criticism of the Community is itself a testimony to its importance. Its institutions are increasingly active. The European Court of Justice adjudicates disputes among EC bodies,

member states and the Community, and its decisions are followed in member states. The EC Commission is competent

in trade, allocation of aid to underdeveloped regions and member states, antitrust policy and harmonization of national laws and regulations. It has been blessed with visionary leaders like Jacques Delors, and embodies the best impulses in Europe -for liberalized markets, social justice and human rights.
The EC Council brings ministers

together for regular consultations on virtually every conceivable issue. It has developed a unique depth and breadth of cooperation. The European Parliament receives

expanded authority from Maastricht. Its special significance as the Community's one democratically chosen institution will be reinforced by Europe-wide elections next June, which are of increasing importance.

Creation of a single market, reform

of the Common Agriculture Policy and generous assistance to new democracies in Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union, plus support for the Middle East peace process, under-score the Community's success. So do the increasing feeling of a common European identity and the degree to which Europeans travel, study and work beyond their own borders.

The tasks in transforming Maastricht's promises into realities are daunting. But in light of what has been achieved, and with perspective on how long it has taken the United States to find its institutional balance, this is a time for Europe to be proud and optimistic.
The United States looks forward

to a growing partnership with the European Community. International Herald Tribune.

must have a new vision. Instead of being a grand orchestra conducted by Brussels, perhaps it should become a chamber orchestra in which there is harmony without a strong conductor.

The European Community's single market provides a strong base for the

future. That base will become even stronger when more members of the European Free Trade Association join the Community, followed by successful East European countries. Europe's policy on Bosnia has failed, but recognition of that can be a starting point for a solution. Through NATO or the Community, a viable European program for halting the lighting and ethnic "cleansing" in the former Yugoslavia must be

found. Otherwise there is a risk that ethnic and religious conflict will spread to other parts of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The credibility of Europe's claim to international leadership is at stake. As recession in the Community recedes, pessimism will abate. The economy is still basically sound. A

revival will enable Europe to pursue its economic and political objectives abroad. It will once again be able to play a global role commensurate with its power, ideas and ideals.
Such a role will be welcomed in

Asia, where European trade, investment, technology and skills are needed. A stronger European presence would balance Japanese and American activities in the region. It would also help to ensure that open international trade continues.

The writer, chairman of the super-visory board of Indonesia's Center for Strategic and International Studies, has been in Europe for discussions with European officials and business leaders. He contributed this comment

Hard-Won, Not to Be Forgotten

By Flora Lewis

DARIS - Memories of the fierce, I sometimes bloody lights to improve the conditions of labor in the prove the conditions of labor in the 1920s and '30s linger insistently. In France, there was the Popular Front and the struggle for a five-day workweek and a paid vacation. In the United States, the symbol became Kentucky's Hartan County (oddly, the name of the U.S. ship recently driven away from Haiti by armed thugs) and the coal miners' struggle to oversize

the coal miners' struggle to organize.

Industrial countries went through
intense strains to fashion the network of agreements, legal guarantees, secu-rity payments which transformed jungle capitalism into modern economies. The French speak of acquis social, for which there is no obvious translation. but everybody understands that there

were hard-won gains.

The dilemma for industrial countries is that the way these economies now function, the recognized need to improve productivity and competi-tiveness seems to be incompatible with full employment. It is ironic that the idea of a four-day week is now being proposed not so much to make life more decent for workers as to spread

But defense of the "acquis social," by whatever name, is leading to pressures for protectionism in the world market and charges of "social champ-ing" in the European Community's single market. It is the major urge behind American labor's opposition to the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement, and behind the demand for an EC "social charter" that would limit the advantages of industrialists in

countries with low costs of labor. The fringe costs of the welfare state are considerable. In France, for example, benefits and social taxes can add 50 percent to what is actually paid an employee in wages, a reason why, instead of hiring, employers prefer to resort to overtime and temporary workers. France has 11.2 percent un-employment, and the prospects are that the intolerable rate will go up.

in all the advanced countries, firms are trying to reduce the work force to stay profitable, and workers fear that they will fall victim to exploitation not just from their own bosses but from those in developing countries which never went through the fight to estab-

lish labor rights and social security.

The Marxist illusion that state ownership and central planning can provide the remedy is no longer available. In democracies, state ownership does give extra clout to unions which can use political as well as social power to enforce demands. It is why the French government forced Air France to give in to strikers last weekend. But it ag-

gravates the economy's ailments. President François Mitterrand, a Socialist cohabiting with a conserva-tive government, said correctly that all the classical prescriptions for con-

that is, both his and his opponents'. The temptation then is to turn to economic nationalism, sparking arguments that free trade and GATT are pernicious, inhumane ploys to re-sharpen the claws of the market monster. Prosperity built up expectations that the nation-state is told to defend

It was prosperity, nourished by the great postwar expansion of trade, that made possible the construction of the welfare state. The welfare state is in danger now, not from more trade bu from the pains of profound industrial change similar to those which pro-voked the demands and the forces that created the acquis social.

Blocking trade would increase the pains, and the probability that economic nationalism would soon turn into political and militant nationalism That is the worst danger.

But it can also be argued that the acquis social in industrial countries was the basis for prosperity, providing incentive and purchasing power to keep the machine humming. Germa-ny's strength was built on its "social market" economy, although Helmut Kohl now sees it as a handicap.

This is one of those hard cases where no short-term answer is good. The capital-intensive, labor-saving evolution of industry is unavoidable and necessary to meet the challenge of newly industrializing countries. A shorter workweek means lower in-comes, at least until the transformation brings substantial new growth. But spreading the work also reduces the tremendous cost of unemployment benefits and lost taxes.

Any alternative to compromise, both promoting trade and sustaining the effort for social justice, is worse than the current disease. Memories of what it took to get this far remain of crucial import.

O Flora Lewis.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Zola Denounced

LONDON - In a discussion at the Truro Diocesan Conference on social purity, Bishop Gott said he was grieved to see that the bookstalls at the railway stations, which had been under the pious management "of that good man W. H. Smith," had sold Zola's books since his death. He thought something should be done to have those books removed.

1918: Austria Capitolates PARIS - Austria has sued for peace.

An official despatch announces that Count Andrassy, Austro-Hungarian Minister for Foreign Affairs, yester-day [Oct. 28] charged the Austro-Hungarian Minister in Stockholm to ask the Swedish Government to transmit the following Note to the Government of the United States: 'In reply to President Wilson's Note of the 18th of this month ... The Austro-Hungarian Government declares it is ready, without awaiting the result of other negotiations, to enter

into pourpariers on peace between Austria-Hungary and the States of the opposing party and on an imme-diate armistice on all the Austro-Hungarian front. It begs President Wilson kindly to make overtures on this subject." The New York Herald comments: "Of the populations once oppressed by the Habsburgs, the majority are fighting for us and the remainder refuse any longer to light against us. Germany has been abandoned by the sole ally who was still aiding her. Thus the collapse of Germany may confidently be awaited."

1943: For Lasting Peace

KANSAS CITY — [From our New York edition: Former President Herbert Hoover asserted in an address tonight [Oct. 28] that lasting peace can be achieved only through a post-war period of open collabora-tion by the United Nations under the trusteeship of Great Britain, Russia, China and the United States, without sacrificing an iota of the sovereignty of any nation.

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Here's a Better Road for Turkey to Travel

WASHINGTON — She is in-telligent, personable and ar-ticulate. Turkey's new prime Min-ister, Tansu Ciller, an economist trained in the United States, wowed 'em on television and in private meetings here on her recent visit to America. Unfortunately, the central message that she and her advisers brought to the White House was unworthy of the proud Turkish people.
It is this: The cutoff of the oil

Prime Minister Tansu Ciller wants to do business with Saddam.

pipeline to Iraq, part of the world's sanctions on Saddam Hussein, is costing Turkey billions. Mrs. Ciller wants the United States, as the chief Desert Stormer, to arrange to recompense Turkey for this cost.

Otherwise - and here's the zinger that shows how little this Turkish government understands alliances — Turkey might not extend its agreement to permit its airfields and supply routes to be used to protect and feed Iraqi Kurds in Operation Provide Comfort.

Although not presented as a quid pro quo, the point was blunt: Pay us the money, and we let you keep on preventing Saddam Hussein from slaughtering the Kurds beginning to build an autonomous democracy on the dictator's land.

That goes beyond realpolitik to real blackmail. But an ally whose cooperation is for sale is available for alliance to a higher bidder, and other nations know that. Relationships that rely on immediate mutual back-scratching never become "special."

In her hard sell, the prime minis-ter went further. Saddam, she told one and all, is growing more popular in Irao day by day. The sanctions are not working. She wants to do business with him, and never mind the regional threat.

President Bill Clinton and his

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By William Safire

of Moscow imperialism.

Underlying Mrs. Ciller's programmed pleas for appeasement

of Saddam is her own military's

decision to escalate the crack-

down on the PKK — terrorist Kurds in Turkey who demand in-

One Turk in six is a Kurd; the

great majority want to live as citi-zens of Turkey, free to express their Kurdish cultural heritage and

speak their own language. But the shortsighted army leaders, by over-

Turkish Kurds, by raiding Kurdish

Iran or Armenia -are making the

classic mistake of driving moder-

The democratically elected

Prime Minister Ciller, mindful of

past army takeovers, told me deter

ates into the radical camp.

advisers did not express irritation at being presented with a big bill for continued parking in Turkish airports. That is because Turkey is the secular Muslim nation that stands in contrast to Iran's fanatic fundamentalism, and those two models are battling for the future of the Turkic-speaking nations along Russia's southern rim.

The West needs Turkey for a related reason: The Russian reformers are in danger of creating a Yeltsin-Grachev regime. The Russian president, in debt for his political existence to the chief of the armed forces, is letting the former Red Army reach into the former Soviet empire to re-establish Moscow's control, ostensibly to enforce order or to protect Russian near-abroads.

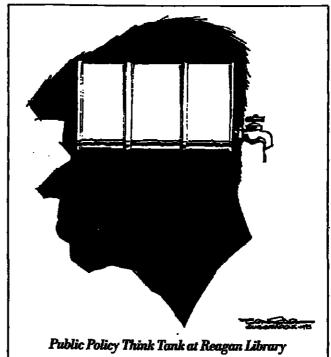
Turkey's stability would be vital ment II comes to pass. But an alliance is a two-way street; Turkey's leaders are as worried as

minedly: "There will be no more coups in Turkey." Let's hope not; but as Kurds and their supporters Washington is about a resurgence see it, Ankara's military has aiready taken control of this government's Kurdish policy. Mrs. Ciller's recent army leaders to push around.

Strange, how this ancient, homeless Kurdish people — 20 million in a half-dozen countries — is again at the nexus of geostrategy. The Turks worry that if the Iraqi Kurds build a democratic state, Turkish Kurds may want the same, so Turkey sends the United States an intolerable bill for helping save Iraqi Kurds from genocide. Wrong. If Mrs. Ciller reverses

reacting to the terrorists, by suppressing the Kurdish identity of all course and helps Iraqi Kurds villages in Iraq while restraining hot pursuit of the PKK in Syria, achieve prosperous autonomy and by so doing encourages their ethnic brethren to be loyal Kurdish Turks - the first female Turkish prime minister will be remembered not as a clumsy ally-for-sale but as a new Ataturk.

The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Russia and the West

Regarding "Cause to Wonder About Western Aims in Russia (Letters, Oct. 27):

I strongly object to both the tone and the content of Victor A. Kremenyuk's letter about Western intentions toward Russia. It is absurd to compare Western support for President Boris Yeltsin during the recent crisis in Moscow to a situation in which a Russian leader might support an American president during a debate in Congress on a U.S. domestic program.

Congress would never attempt to encourage people to take up arms against the president. If the Russian legislators had had a bigger success in their attempt to do exactly that, the West might have faced a grave threat to its security - a Russian civil war.

As to the comment that "after several years of turnoil and suffering," more and more Russians are concluding that the Western aim toward Russia is to disarm and weaken it, Mr. Kremenyuk buys the paranoid fantasy that we in the West have it in for the Russians. He also implies that it was the West that put Russia into its present

straits, and not Soviet-era planning. In other words, while it is convenient to blame shadowy figures in Washington, London and Paris. the answer is much closer to home. Mr. Kremenyuk does his compatriots a great disservice by spreading conspiracy theories.

CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHEY. Bergen, Norway.

Mr. Kremenynk should be made aware that Western lending institutions have a penchant for attaching a myriad of bizarre conditions to their loans. We in the West suffer the same fate.

The writer also needs to understand that Western foreign policy is driven by economic imperatives and that we have nothing to gain by a permanently weak, deindustrialized and dysfunctional Russia. That would only make it a lousy trading partner. The only weakness we are hoping for is that of the once mighty military machine.

ADAM EDWARDS.

Power's Sentence

Regarding "A Protester's Fate" (Letters, Oct. 20) by Jonathan Grudin: Living in the United States,

Katherine Ann Power had ample means for protesting the Vietnam War without resorting to the vio-lence that resulted in the loss of the life of a policeman. (Mr. Grudin wrote that "sympathy for the offi-cer's family is fine," but that perhaps Ms. Power's "desperate act brought the war to a close a little earlier.") Ms. Power chose violence to protest violence, and for that asure of hypocrisy and brutality

she deserved a prison sentence. BART SCALZI. Poughkeepsie, New York.

Balladur and GATT

In response to "Balladur's GATT Gamble: Error or Cold Colculation?" (Opinion, Oct. 19):

As I see it, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur is trying to make good on the extravagant electoral promises to the farmers made by party's leader and perennial presidential candidate, Jacques Chirac. In so doing, Mr. Balladur is putting at risk the future of France and 94 percent of its working population just to placate the 6 percent represented by agriculture.

DAVID LIEBERMAN.

The French government's recent abandonment of the planned restructuring of Air France shows the power of striking French workers to hold civil order hostage to their own demands. French farmers have that same power. Believe me, it is no fun to drive to work with tractors blocking all the major highways. FRED B. WEISSLER.

The Wrong UN Tone

Regarding "Somalia: Outlines of a Successful Mission" (Opinion, Oct. 12) and "U.S. Planes Step Up Show of Force Over Mogadishu" (Oct. 12, first edition):

In his opinion column, the presi dent of Eritrea, Isaias Afwerki, de-scribes the way most UN officials have handled the Somalia intervention as being "short-sighted, ar-rogant and vindictive." Apparently, he is right: In a separate report, Captain Tim McDavitt, spokesman for the United Nations operation in Somalia, is quoted as saying of nighttime aerial-gunship cannon practice near the capital, "If anybody was frightened and it caused distress it was not intended."

JOHN HARDEN.

No Hiding Place

The British media have turned draws on more sources that any Florida into some "no-go" area More than Tucker, Hasse makes a where one is sure to be murdered point of quoting from a range of

Regarding "Waiting for Comet to Hit Jupiter" (Health/Science, Oct. 21) by John Noble Wilford: The diagram accompanying the

and complex problem.

Jovian Errors

or robbed. In doing this I feel that they are tacitly implying that Brit-

ain is a much safer place. Hardly.

Recently my neighbor was

kicked to death by a vandalizing

gang of youths. Over the past year

I have suffered vandalism damage in excess of £4,000 (\$6,000). A

husband and wife not 10 miles

from me were shot dead in their

country home. Vandalism and

robbery are rife here in Britain,

and murder is common. Many

British people are too frightened

to go out at night and most won't

walk alone in a park at any time.

I feel that the Florida authori-

ties have responded quickly and

effectively in addressing a massive

COREY P. EVANS.

article says that "Jupiter is about 11 times the size of the Earth." No. Jupiter's radius is about 11 times that of the Earth, but as the volume of a sphere increases as the cube of the radius, its volume is then more than 1,300 times Earth's. JULIO AMORIN.

lvry-sur-Seine, France. Editor's note: The article itself

misstated the estimated energy of the impact of the comet on the surface of Jupiter. It is 100 million megatons.

There's a Conspiracy Against Reagan's Shop

By Joe Queenan

T ARRYTOWN, New York — I From the moment I reached the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, l sensed that something was terri-bly wrong. The museum, which opened to the public in November 1991, is ensconced in an eerily

MEANWHILE

apocalyptic setting, gazing out at sun-baked, unpopulated. Kurdistanish hills - an arid inappropriate home for a museum dedicated to the president who gave us the fat, lush, opulent '80s.

The setting was somehow too somber, too minimal, too joyless for a Republican president. This was the kind of setting one associ-ated with Mike Dukakis.

My sense of disorientation coninued when I entered. Although the museum boasts 50 million pages of documents, 1.5 million still photographs and more than 75,000 gifts, the permanent exhibi-

tion is actually quite cheesy.

A routine exhibition of artifacts from Mr. Reagan's life is topped off by a room filled with memorabilia from each of America's 42 presidents. But what a piddling

A replica of Calvin Coolidge's bathtub. A letter from FDR to some guy from the New York State Automotive Association, thanking him for a telegram sent while he was still governor. A letter from Dwight D. Eisenhower — six years after he left office! - thanking one Richard Fassel of Easton, Pennsylvania, for a pair of zippered leather cases he had mailed to Ike and Mamie. Why, autographed materials as inconsequential as these were probably worth less than the

frames that held them. It was not until I visited the gift shop that I realized precisely what was wrong with this sad little museum. As soon as I entered the room, my eyes settled upon a table stacked high with T-shirts being sold at half price.

My gaze then traveled to a pile of bland coffee-table books entitled "The Living White House" that were also being sold at deep discount. During an interminable wait in the checkout line while a dithering cashier turned a routine sale into epic adventure. I spied a hardback book called "Raisa: I Hope" that was being sold for a dollar. A dollar!

Incredulous that a museum dedicated to a man whose name was synonymous with upmarket glamour and success would be wasting valuable retail space on the addled

ramblings of a deposed Communist's dowdily attired wife, I sud-denly realized precisely what was

wrong with this institution. It was being run by Democrats. The more I thought about it, the more I realized that the museum's awesome torpor could not be a mere accident. No, somehow or other, the Democratic Party had hatched a Machiavellian plot to take all the luster off the Seven Fat Years of Ronald Reagan's presi-dency by quietly subverting the president's living memorial.

With their long-faced security guards, mispriced vending machines, klutzy cashiers and hopelessly downscale assortment of heavily discounted gift shop kitsch, the Democrats hoped to trick im-pressionable visitors into thinking that the Reagan Years had been tacky and corny and boring and inefficient and Democratic, when in fact they had been vivacious and

giamorous and swell. Yes, it all added up now. Only a useum that had been infiltrated by Democrats would prominently display a photograph of Ronald Reagan chatting with Margaret

Thatcher while wearing a plaid suit that looked like a Holiday Inn sofa slipcover.
Only a museum subverted by Democrats would stack mountains of Mikhail Gorbachev's deadly

yawner, "The August Coup: The Truth and The Lessons," right beside the gift shop cash register. Only a museum taken over by Democrats would have hired such a colorless staff, instead of cheerful, bubbly Republicans.

What really convinced me that a Democratic coup had taken place was the video playing on a television set in a corner of the gift shop. There, in the very epicenter of a cultural institution dedicated to the man who had single-handedly brought pizzazz and comph back into American life, was the image of Jimmy Carter, mouthing bad jokes during the opening ceremony for the museum back in November 1991, while Nancy Reagan looked on frowning.

As I stood there, staring at the horrifying image of the man who had given Americans 21 percent interest rates, massive unemployment, the Iran hostage crisis, the malaise speech and the killer bun-ny, I realized that Ronald Reagan's revolution was irrevocably over. All memory of it was rapidly being expunged, and Republicans never even know what hit them.

Poor Gipper. The Washington Post.

BOOKS

WHAT THEY RE READING

BEYOND CATEGORY: The Life and Genius of **Duke Ellington**

By John Edward Hasse, 479 pages. \$25. Simon & Schuster. THE DUKE ELLINGTON

Edited by Mark Tucker. 536 pages. \$30. Oxford.

Reviewed by

READER

Robert G. O'Meally WHAT do we talk about when we talk about jazz? And

which jazz artists is it absolutely necessary to talk about? Critics, historians, even novelists, from F. Scott Fitzgerald to Ralph Ellison to Toni Morrison, have puzzled over how to appraise our century's and our country's astonishing creation.

In this national discussion, no figure has received more attention than Duke Ellington. Rightly so. Duke Ellington, born in Washington, D. C., in 1899 at the verge of the new century, was not just the creator of such hits as "Sophisticat-ed Lady," "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," and "Mood Indi-go," but his rich arrangements of these pieces and many, many others established him as a composer of the first degree, perhaps America's premier composer.

The two newest entries in the field — "Beyond Category" by John Edward Hasse, curator of American Music at the Smithsonian Institution, and "The Duke Ellington Reader" edited by Mark Tucker, associate professor of mu-sic at Columbia University and author of "Duke Ellington: The Early Years" - are by far the most exhaustive works on this jazz master.

The modern age of Ellington criticism was presaged by the 1946 publication of Barry Ulanov's masterful "Duke Ellington," which drew on interviews with Duke and his band

By Alan Truscott

A N astonishing victory emerged from the Royal Vi-

king Instant Matchpoint game, which was organized by the Ameri-can Contract Bridge League and

played in clubs throughout North

The winners, playing at the Winfield Hall Chub in Westchester.

Pennsylvania, were Carole Siegel, who has 20 master points, and Susan Strauss, who has none at all

and does not belong to the national

group. They scored almost 75 per-

cent in the North-South line, and are surely the least experienced pair

ever to win on such an occasion. The Eat-West winners, with 73 per-

cent, were Bill Cook and Annette McHann of Jackson, Mississippi.

normally overcalled the weak twospade opening with four no-trump.

On the diagramed deal, North

• Jan Morris, the Welsh travel writer, is rereading "Good Behaviour" by Mollie Keane.

"I have enjoyed it just as much vious readings. I think it is truly one of the great English-language novels of the 20th century — marvelous black comedy, but also a tragic account of human disinte-(Michael Balter, 1HT)



an. The pearl in this trove was the massive file of music -- some in Duke's own ornate, artistic handwriting, some in that of his frequent

co-composer, Billy Strayborn. Now, as Hasse's and Tucker's works emphasize, it was obvious that Ellington's music was scored with care -all the parts written out note by note. The exceptions were the piano part — Duke's own — and the drummer's, for Ellington wanted the drummer to work out his own part as a work developed.

Perhaps Ellington's greatest technical achievement was to balance his precise, tightly composed music with the impulse to impro-vise. With his famous Dukish smile, slightly mocking as well as flirtations, he made it seem as if he and the band were making it all up on the spot. In fact, many solos that the public always assumed were improvised were painstakingly de-vised by Duke himself.

As the scores make clear, the Ellington players were often invited to be collaborators in a newly invented piece — at times their parts would tell them no more than "Get in the alley!" or "Play the blues."

This kind of shorthand was possible in a band where players stayed for years. Some stayed for decades, "Duke Ellington," which drew on interviews with Duke and his band members. A sea change in Ellington studies came in 1986, when Mercer Ellington donated his father's addressed abstractly to the First

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diamond to the queen and ace, East

had to return a spade, resisting the temptation to give his partner a

South could then win in his hand

and lead the diamond ten, tempting West to ruff. He had to throw a heart, not a spade, so that he could throw another heart if South won the diamond king and ruffed a diamond with the olub cares. With

mond with the club queen. With that defense South failed.

That suggets that South was wrong to bid five clubs. Holding

strength in both major suits, he would have made a good gamble if

he had surprised his partner by passing four no-trump. That con-tract is unbeatable, for after a

African-American periodicals, so that the reader has a broader-thanusual sense of how black audiences for all of Hasse's resources and strengths as a data gatherer, he falls short when it comes to rendering the life and interpreting the music. At a certain point the reader who already knows the territory loses confidence

scores, scrapbooks, records, tapes, and memorabilia to the Smithsom-phone but, like personal letters, they phone but, like personal letters, they were marked "Tricky" (Joseph "Tricky Sam" Nanton) or "Rab" (Johnny Hodges, whose nickname was "Rabbit"), and were tailormade for the specific players addressed. "You can't write music right," Duke once said, "unless you upright piano) and the Cotton Club know how the man that II play it (Ellington scholar Pat Willard obknow how the man that'll play it Mark Tucker's "Duke Ellington

> ever had. The editor makes the wise decision to take a step back and give center-stage to Ellington. Drawing on Ulanov's leads, his own research, and above all the Smithsonian files, Tucker presents a score of Ellington's own articles its most interesting is a report on the along with interviews and profiles.
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> Tucker's collection features the full Ellington organization. Suffice it to version of "The Hot Bach," Richard Boyer's 1944 New Yorker pro-file — virtually a novella in which Duke appears not just as a daunt-

ing genius but as a complex one.

"The Reader" also includes an array of the greatest hits of Ellington criticism — essential pieces by Murray, Ellison and Stanley Crouch along with many other useful articles showing the progression from snapshot reviews to analytical its rightful place as "serious music" (that most loaded of terms). Hasse's "Beyond Category"

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in Hasse as a guide.
To be fair, Hasse's task as Ellington's biographer was herculean. He had to chart and evaluate the music of a man who recorded important music in six of the century's decades

and who composed more than 2,000 works - including a suite for Queen Elizabeth; "portraits" and tone poeans; dance music for shows at the Kentucky Club (where between acts he worked the floor with a rolling served that all of Ellington's music, was danceable—it had what Elling-Reader" stands, with Albert Mur-ray's "Stomping the Blues," as one of the best teaching tools jazz has In his effort to encompass all of

this activity — virtually none of it frivolous or merely commercial Hasse does not want to make the mistake of isolating the music from its social setting. Indeed, the book at say that the band usually was not paid very well. Race prejudice meant, for example, that unlike white band-leaders. Ellington never could get a radio sponsor or a televi-sion spot of his own. In 1965, when the Pulitzer board voted down a Ellington a special award in composition (a vote which caused some board members to resign), Ellington all we are aware of the campaign to move Duke's work from "stunt" to its rightful place as "serious must be and I write. And that's it. My reward is hearing what I've done and will be a serious move Duke's work from "stunt" to responded in this way: "I never do most composers, I can hear it immediately. That's why I keep these expensive gentlemen with me."

Hasse takes Duke's story, which begs to be framed as an epic, and bends it into a sociological plaint, a conventionally "amazing" story of a victim who somehow proved himself an exceptional Negro, a "genius" showing both minor suits. If South guessed to bid five clubs rather than five diamonds the play was tricky. If West led his singleton diamond to the current and son Face.

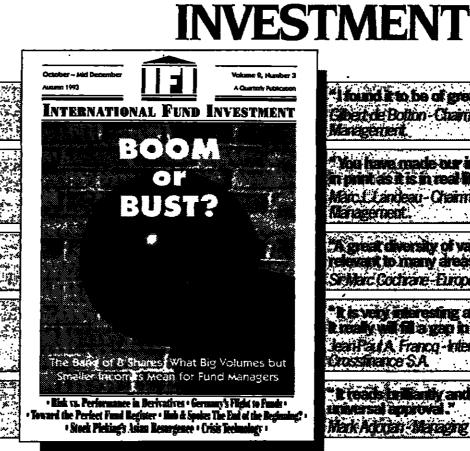
who was "beyond category."

These are immensely valuable books from which many others can flow. But Hasse's is useful not for its interpretations of the man or of the music, but for its unprecedent ed collection of material. Therein - along with Tucker's excellent miscellany of works, excellently in-troduced — lies the gold mine and the challenge for the next work on Ellington — the truly comprehen-sive Ellington biography, which, alas, we still must await.

Robert G. O'Meally, the author of "Lady Day: the Many Faces of Billie Haliday," wrote this for The Wash-

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A Pilgrimage From Singapore

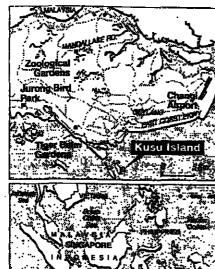
By Lauren H. Otis

INGAPORE — During the ninth hmar month of the year - Oct. 15 through Nov. 14 this year - two places of worship on Kusu, a small island three and a half miles southwest of central Singapore, become a magnet for thousands of Malay and Chinese pilgrims.

According to legend, many centuries ago two holy men, a Malay and a Chinese, were caught in a storm off Singapore. As their boat was about to founder, a giant sea turtle appeared and, bearing them on its back, rescued the holy men by transforming itself into an island. Kusu, which means tortoise in Chinese and is known as Pulau Tembakul in Malay, is reputed to be the actual "corpus" of that original sea turtle, and has achieved hely status in both Chinese and Malay cultures as a place of good fortune. Over time, the island's reputation has been augmented by additional tales of miraculous rescues and recoveries of shipwrecked sailors, fishermen and other sea-

For a month every autumn, lerry after ferry shuttles an exotic bustle of devotees from Singapore and surrounding nations to the small landing on Kusu Island, from which they bear smoking joss sticks and other gifts to shrines housed in the Chinese

temple and Malay mosque.
The omate Taoist Chinese temple is dedicated to Da Bo Gong, the Chinese merchant god, who is imbued with the power to confer prosperity, cure disease, calm the sea and avert danger in general, and to Guan Yin, the goddess of mercy and "giver of sons."



The temple was built with funds donated by a wealthy businessman, Chia Cheng Ho, who visited Kusu Island in 1923.

An infectious carnival atmosphere per-vades this temple. Among the sideshows are sanctuaries filled with scores of live tortoises, a large sea turtle that glides gracefully within the confines of a saltwater pond, and two caged boa constrictors

Having made their offerings, the Chinese pilgrims burn prayer books in a flaming oven topped by a chimney in the shape of a

pagoda. By burning the written prayers and turning them to smoke, it is believed that they will be carried rapidly up to the deities and be acknowledged more readily. Devotees typically request five blessings from the two temple deities: longevity, wealth, tranquillity, love of virtue and fulfilled destiny.

The Islamic Malay mosque consists of three kramats, or holy shrines, nestled among trees at the top of a nearby hill. Lining the winding 152-step climb up to it are trees thick with offerings tied onto them in plastic bags. The kramats are dedicated to a pious Arab man, Sahed Abdul Rahman, his mother, Nenek Galib, and his sister, Puteri Fatimah. In another of the island legends, it is said that in the 19th century Rahman and his family were aught in a violent storm off Singapore, and their boat capsized. They were saved by a tortoise who brought them to the sanctuary of Kusu Island. Malay pilgrims to the kramats pray for wealth, fertility, a good marriage, health and a life of harmony.

In the temple and mosque interiors, bil lows of fragrant smoke mix with closely pressed pilgrims, producing a humid atmo-sphere of devotion. Despite these crowds, the rest of the landscaped island is a screne retreat even at the height of the pilgrimage. The sandy beaches and traditional architecture of the temple and mosque buildings seem worlds apart from the glass towers, hotels and shopping centers of downtown Singapore, a 15-minute ferry ride away.

Lauren H. Otis, a writer and photographer who has traveled throughout Southeast Asia. wrote this for The New York Times.



Piers Gough's landmark loo in the London neighborhood of Notting Hill, complete with a florist's kiosk.

The Nightmare Before

Directed by Henry Selick.

Disney takes an ambitious turn for the weird with "The Nightmare Before Christmas," an ani-mated musical so twisted that the studio has released it under its adult Touchstone logo - all the easier to differentiate this movie from neoclassics like "Aladdia" and "Beauty and the Beast." Tim Burton's dazzlingly

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a postmodern fractured fable, one he scribbled as a poemscript 10 years ago when he and Selick were working as Disney animators. Kissable cousin to Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Burton's tale could have been titled "When the Pumpkin King Hijacked Christmas." It follows the misguided efforts by Jack Skellington, who is to Halloween what Santa Claus is to late December, to inject a little excitement into his life after another boring preparation for fright night with the sleazy, slimy denizens of Halloweentown. This is clearly not typical Disney animation fare, though Burton had enough sense to slide into a happy ending It is a modern classic that enriches the Christmas tradition by turning it on its head and spinning it like a bob. And Jack Skellingly is a truly wooderful creation, a spindly, formally at-tired skeleton who moves with the elegance of Fred Astaire and gets into as much trouble as Beetlejuice.

brilliant "Nightmare" — direct-ed by Henry Selick — is more of

Short Cuts Directed by Robert Altman.

"Short Cuts" is a cynical, sexist and shallow work from cinema's premier misanthrope, Robert Altman, who here shows neither compassion for - nor insight into — the human condition. This long, sour and ultimately pointless film allows Altman, the debunker of Hollywood and Nashville, to put the screws to the common folk of Southern California. Basically, Altman's here to tell us that life stinks and there's not a damn thing to be done about it. In so doing, he



"The Nightmare Before Christmas."

drops in on the lives of 22 whiny, inert and mostly unlikable char-IS drawn from the writi of Raymond Carver, the bluecollar Chekhov. Carver, while certainly no naif, had sympathy for his characters and a certain amount of faith in their ability to change, at least marginally. But Altman, with few exceptions, allows neither growth nor redemp-tion. The characters don't evolve, they just survive, which is fine when it comes to movies about plane crashes, but deadening in terms of domestic dramas. Perhaps Altman should consider his contribution to the degradation of women on screen. This doesn't stop with gratuitous nu-dity, but extends to the female characters' slavish devotion to

a sociopathic makeup artist (Robert Downey Jr.), a psycho pool man (Chris Penn), a womanizing cop (Tim Robbins) and a vengeful baker (Lyle Loveu). (Rita Kempley, WP)

Huevos de Oro Directed by Bigas Luna.

The opening close-up shot of a cement mixer in action gives the hint that the film is about turbulent, rocky relationships. The focus is on Benito González (Javier Bardem), a quintessential Spanish macho who revels in his huevos — literally "eggs," but also an uninhibited word in Spain that expresses sexual prowess and overall authority. His true lust is for money and power, which he plans to achieve by building a tall apart-ment tower. Benito dotes on these ambitions even while making love and there are lots of steamy love-making scenes. The first woman in Benito's life dumps him for his best friend: the next two he uses ruthlessly last one is very much his equal. But the pace moves so quickly that these relationships don't blossom on screen, and one hardly cares when the tough guy inevitably falls on hard times. The film's best notes are the secondary details. notably Benito's affection for Julio Iglesias, the Spanish sing-er who has had his share of girls. and a sly Mediterranean jet-set character named Gil, not unlike a real-life politician of the same name in southern Spain. Even though the film's criticism of

film's disparate parts does not equal a whole. (Al Goodman, IHT)

get-rich-quick young Spaniards

is fair comment, the sum of the

ictorian Revival, With a Twist

By Roderick Conway Morris International Herald Tribune

ONDON - What baths were to ancient Rome, public lavatories were to Victorian London - their shining glazed-brick interiors, dazzling enamel and polished brass fittings palpable proof of the triumph of hygiene and

urban civilization. The onslaught of modern-day yandals and the advent of the coin-in-the-slot street lavatory has led to the inexorable decline of the old-style public loo. Many have been demolished, and some turned to other purposes: In one London borough, for example, loos have been converted into offices, an art gallery

and even a pizzeria. Notting Hill, an attractive west-central London neighborhood of neoclassical, white-stucco terraces and leafy squares, lost one of its principal Victorian lavatories 15 years ago, when the underground convenience on one of its main streets, Westbourne Grove, was filled in and an ugly, 'temporary" prefabricated loo put in its

After more than a decade of agitating for a suitable permanent replacement, the Pembridge Association, a local residents' conservation group, discovered last year that the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

had finally drawn up some plans.
"You'd have thought that after more than
10 years they would have been enlightened enough to have an architectural competisaid John Scott, the formidable and outspoken 58-year-old Honorary Planning Secretary of the Pembridge Association, whose apartment actually overlooks the triangular traffic island on which the new loos were to be built. "But they didn't. And when I went to see the drawings at the borough engineer's of lice, the only thing that could be said about them was that they were extreme-

ly banal." Despairing of persuading the borough to find a more imaginative alternative, the Pembridge Association, marshaled by Scott (a man with, as even a few minutes' acquaintance makes evident, a passionate de-testation of the nondescript and mediocre), resolved to commission an architect of their own, calling on Piers Gough of CZGW, a partnership with a reputation for flamboy-ant and unusual designs — a singularly un-expected choice for a local conservation organization primarily dedicated to preserving the historic character of the neighborhood.

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Gough's solution was a startling triangu-lar building of glazed, bright-turquoise brick, crowned by a dramatic fan-shaped semitransparent roof (remmiscent of Hector Guimard's Art Nouveau Paris Métro entrances), with the lavatories and attendant's office in the back and a glassed-in florist's kiosk at the front, the whole structure tapering into a sharp, thrusting point.

"So much modern architecture," Gough, "is anemic and over-cool. We like our buildings to be lush — to be a strong response to their location." The site was obviously crucial in this case in deciding the shape of the building. The fact that it is flanked by neoclassical stucco houses but has a backdrop of postwar public-housing blocks (built to replace houses destroyed.

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■ Pumping hands like a politician, Don Schramm barely kept up as shoppers streamed into the Wal-Mart store in

65-year-old "people greeter," a Wal-Mart institution established by Sam

Walton, the chain's founder. About every

third customer got a joke from Schramm's endlessly comy supply. "You know, my mother is 92 years old," he confided, "and she doesn't use glasses."

"Bless her heart," the shopper said.
"No," he deadpanned, "she drinks right

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out of the bottle." And they love it. Just what Walton had in mind.

Salisbury, Maryland. Everybody got a

backslap or help with a cart from the

during the Blitz), is addressed by Gough's part archaic, part futuristic design. The use of the glazed brick beloved of Victorian lavatory builders, but in a daring turquoise liue (custom-produced, and dubbed by the makers "Gough Green"), provides a link with the past, while making for an arresting colorful impression (bold enough even to hold its own amid the West Indian Carnival processions that pass by every August).

Both the borough's workaday plan and Gough's extravaganza won planning approval — the crunch coming when the architect's plan was found to exceed the allowed budget of £190,000 (\$285,000). Scott wrote a personal check for £10,000 the very same day to make up the difference, and he and the Pembridge Association have since raised or provided a further £13,000 to pay for the rescue of an adjoining Victorian drinking fountain, the new loo's splendid external clock, higher-quality fittings; benches, trees and landscaping. As there was no provision in the borough's estimate to employ an architect, Gough's fees had to be paid to him

by the building contractors. This exuberant building cried out for somebody to match its verve and panache in the running of the florist's kiosk - and just such a person appeared in the form of 35-year-old Nikki Tibbles, who had only recently left a career in advertising and design to follow her new calling. Tibbles has created an entrancing shop, overflowing with fasci-nating foliage and blooms — amaranthus ("love-lies-bleeding"), black roses, bright blue delphiniums, glory and Casablanca lilies, baby pineapples, cabbage plants and kangaroo paw — many of which you would never find in a conventional shop. Orders have been flowing in for weddings and other do's, and regular customers include the Har-old Pinter-Antonia Fraser household and

tions of a very wide variety of local residents, some of whom would normally take a dim view of "modern architecture."

Known locally as the "superloo," the building is already established in the affec-

"The point is," said Scott, gazing down from his window upon the loo with fatherly pride, "that it makes you look with new eyes not just at it, but at all the other buildings around." And then shooting a penetrating glance at one or two peeling, unkempt classical street buildings in the present the street of the period of cal stucco buildings in the terrace across the road, he added: "Who knows, it might even encourage some people to get round to restor-ing their old buildings properly."

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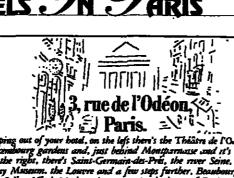
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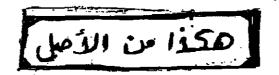
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HAVE a recurring nightmare of waiting behind two dozen people in the check-in line at a strange airport. My plane is leaving in 20 minutes and, oddly, the line is getting longer as I struggle to move forward. And now the woman at the desk has picked up the phone and the line is

not moving at all.

A variation to this is arriving at JFK with two planeloads ahead of you for the refugee shuffle at Immigration. Or waiting in limbo at a distant departure gate for your delayed flight while the airline is drip-feeding you disingenuous information on how long you'll be stuck there and why. Good-bye budget meeting. You can't even phone to tell them you won't make it. This is the kind of nightmare where you wake up and it is really

happening. Welcome to life in the slow lane.

Of course, everyone blames everyone else for the terminal misery. Airlines blame air-port authorities who blame air-traffic congestion along with government policy and inflexible immigration and customs, not al-ways symbiotic cohabitants in the wide world of the megahub.

Airlines would like us to buy their myth that where service is important is at 30,000 feet over the Atlantic rather than level three in the main concourse. But reality is on the ground. Frequent travelers are asking, What are you doing to mitigate the mis-

"Whenever possible, I try to take a regional flight from small airports," says Anthony Sampson, author of "Empires of the Skies." "Airport strain is what's exhausting. Sir William Hildred, the first head of IATA; said that in the early prewar days, the strain of flying was in the flying itself, the airports were wonderfully comfortable. Nowadays it's the other way round. I endorse that

completely."

Most flights these days in whatever class you fly are reasonably enjoyable. Would that this were true for quality of life on the ground. Congested terminals, air traffic de-lays and the need to check in up to two hours early for security controls have made airports a nightmare. Many airport anthorities are more concerned with duty-free areas and schlock boutiques that pay them high rents than with providing public amenities such as telecommunications centers, day beds. showers and more civilized eating places.

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Savvy travelers think of an airport first and an airline second. One choice often determines the other — especially between major hubs. Try to start from a small userfriendly airport, and select your gateway or connecting airport with care. Traveling from Nice to the United States, I'll probably choose to transit at Schiphol at Amsterdam (the most user-friendly hub in Europe), un-less I want to fly to New York direct. (Avoid JFK unless you want to go to New York.) I'm figuring out the best way to get to Delhi next month for an airports conference. My best bet seems to be Air India via Heathrow. But I need to check the connecting time and whether I'll have the use of a business class

Having the run of an airline lounge is a big factor in dealing with the airport experience.

All major airlines have lounges for travelers

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flying first class. Sometimes these are shared among carriers. Far fewer allow their business-class passengers access to the lonnee Some like Cathay Pacific, KLM, Alitalia and Air France only do so at certain airports. Others such as Japan Airlines and Lufthansa require you to be a club member.

Clubs such as these are by "invitation only." To qualify, you must spend a minimum on tickets, or have flown a certain number of miles in a year. In 1967, the Civil Aeronautics Board in the United States decreed that U.S. airlines were obliged to offer a club membership to all comers, although they can charge annual dues. American's Admirals Club, Delta's Crown Room Club and United's Red Carpet Club cost about \$150 a year to join.

"A thing that came through strongly out of research among our top customers was cut out the hassle at airports and give us a lounge when we arrive," says Mike Batt, British Airways' director of marketing in London. "Our Terminal 4 lounge at Heathrow is run like a hotel. People like to see a difference for the price they have paid."

BA has a hierarchy of lounges, from a wood-paneled sanctuary for Concorde and first class, and Executive Club lounges for frequent fliers to separate lounges for short-and long-haul business-class passengers.

Last month BA opened what it says is the first arrivals lounge for first, business and club members at Heathrow's Terminal 4.

Passengers decanted off an overnight flight can shower, have their clothes pressed, eat breakfast and get their act together for the

Many airlines offer free helicopter or limo transfer at one end or both ends of the route to first- and business-class folk. Lufthansa offers a helicopter service to Manhattan from JFK; Emirates offers you a limo within a 50-mile (80 kilometer) radius of Gatwick or Manchester, and Virgin gives you a limo from anywhere in mainland Britain to Heathrow. Virgin has just started a motorcycle chauffeur service that will transfer intrepid business class people from central London to Heathrow in less than 30 minutes.

SAS, Air France, Lufthansa, British Airways and Swissair provide a check-in service at certain hotels (SAS also has hotel check-ins at certain Scandinavian airports); and you can check in for your BA flight when you drop your car off at Hertz at Heathrow. BA staff can check you in if you're late with a palm-top RDT (remote data terminal) if they spot you sweating in the check-in line. Look too for the new ATB (automated ticket and boarding pass), which speeds up check-in and security procedures. It is estimated that the ATB can cut 50 minutes of a 7475 to the control of the control cut 50 minutes off a 747's turnaround time. A new way to beat the crowds is the Fast Track lane through immigration and security checks at Heathrow and Gatwick for firstand business-class travelers. You get a spe-cial sticker at check-in that allows you access to a completely separate security and pass-port-control channel, along with "dedicated" banking windows and duty-free shop-

ERHAPS the best idea for smoothing out airport hassles is "INSpass, now being tested by the U.S. Immi-gration and Naturalization Service at JFK and Newark. The system uses a combination of a "smart" ID card and iden-

tification of your palm print. Instead of waiting in line with the hoi polloi you go to a special channel, insert an INSpass card in a card reader and stick your hand on a hand-geometry scanner. You can then proceed straight to customs.

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Gerstl who, together with Egon
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Expressionism. When his love after
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Ethnographical Museum (tel: 231.20.56). To Dec. 31: "The Face of the Spirits: Masks from Zaire." Painted wooden masks representing natural spirits and ancestors that are used in such ceremonies as the initiation of young men, tunerals and judgments of thieves.

BRITAIN

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Ulster Museum (:el; 232.381.251).
To April 10: "Patrick; Life and Legacy." Celebrates the religious, artistic and cultural heritage of Ireland's patron saint, from the 5th century to the

Barbican Art Gallery (tel: 071.638.5403). To Dec. 12: "Bill Brandt: Photographs 1928-33." A retrospective of Brandt's work including early photographs from Hun-gary and Span, social documentary work in Britain before World War II, as well as landscapes, portraits, studies of nudes and late collages.

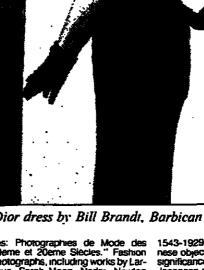
Barbican Center (1el: 071.638.8891). Three performances by the St. Pelersburg Philharmonic Orchestra: Rachmaninov Anniversary Concert (on Nov. 15); Stravin-sky's "Petruchka" (1947 version); Prokofievs "Symphony No. 5" (on Nov. 16); and a Berlioz, Sibelius and Rachmaninov program (on Nov.

FRANCE

Albi Musée Toulouse-Lautrec (tel: 63.54.14.09). To Dec. 5: 'Egon Schiele: Oeuvres sur Papier.' More than 100 drawings, gouaches and watercotors, including portraits, selfportraits and erotic scenes.

Centre Georges Pompidou (tel: 44.78.12.33). To Jan. 2: "Georg Baselitz: Drawings 1962-92." More than 40 drawings from which Baselitz developed his painting, sculpture and

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ites: Photographies de Mode des 19ame et 20eme Siecles." Fastion photographs, including works by Lar-tigue, Sarah Moon, Nadar, Newton and Irving Penn, among others.
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Jan. 5: "Nois: Bonnard, Vuillard,
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ITALY

Palazzo Grassi (tel: 52.31.680). To Jan. 4: "The Unknown Modigiani," More than 400 drawings that were executed by the Italian artist Amedeo Modigliani between 1906 and 1924 which until now was the most ob-scure period in his life. The drawings scure period in rils line. The grawings were purchased and collected by Paul Alexandre, who became the painter's closest friend and only patron upon his arrival in Paris in 1906. The exhibition will travel to Europe, Japan, the United States and Mexico until 1906.

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cally for Chinese scholars such as brush holders, inkstones and tea-pots. The exhibition exemplifies many Chinese decorative techniques over the past 1,000 years, from classical celadons and blue-and-white ware to the dezzling tones of the Cang dynas-

SWITZERLAND

Lausanne/Pully FAE Musée d'Art Contemporain (tel: 21.729.91.46). To Nov. 23: "Jean Michel Basquirai." More than 100 pairtings and crawings covering the eight years of the American graffiits's short career. Basquiat's works reflect the ariss's African and Hispanic heritage and often allude to Dubuffet, Cy Twombly, Pop Art and popular culture.

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The J. Paul Getty Museum (tel: 459.7611). To Jan. 9: "The Cult of ASS.7011). 10 Jan. 9: The Coll of Saints in the Middle Ages and Renais-sance." Focuses on devotional im-ages of saints and illustrations from their lives in manuscripts New York

Guggenheim Museum (tel. 350.3555). To Jan. 16: "Roy Lichtenstein Retrospective." An overview of the prolific Pop arrist's work. Since the 1960s, Lichtenstein has been producing paradoxical, ironic, larger-than-life paintings — many of which are replete with benday dots.

Metropolitan Opera (tel: 382.6000). Dvorak's "Rusalka," conducted by John Fiore With Gabriela Benackova, Janis Martin, Dolora Zajick, Neil Rosenshein, Sergel Kopichak, Nov. 11 (Premiere), 15, 18, 22, 26, 29, Dec. 3, 8, 11:

Museum of Modern Art (tel 708,9400). To Jan. 11: "Joan Miro." In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Miro's birth, an exhibition of 400 works, including more than 150 paintings, as well as sculptures, drawings, ceramics, prints and illustrated books.

Washington National Gallery of Art (tel: 842.6353). To Jan. 2: "John James Audubon: The Watercolors for The Birds of America." At his death in 1851. Audubon had become the United States's leading naturalist and an onginal chronicler of America's birds. Watercolors on display illustrate the range of his techniques from the early single profiles to his later animated portrayals of birds in their

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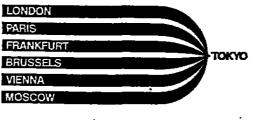
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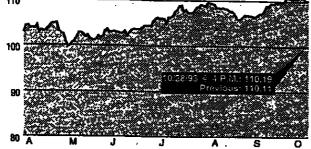
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Bulls, Bears, P/E Ratios And the '94 Crystal Ball

By Tom Petruno Los Angeles Times Service

EW YORK — Wall Street is gripped by quarterly earnings mania, but investors' real concern is not what happened last summer but what will happen in 1994. The bears' primary case against stocks is that they are too expensive meaning share prices relative to corporate earnings are too high. The bears have a point. Using the Standard & Poor's index of 500 mostly blue chip stocks, the market's price-to-earnings ratio, or P/E, is now 18, based on average 1993 estimated earnings per share. Since 1950, the S&P 500 P/E has

rarely exceeded 18; and very of-ten, a rise to the 17-to-18 level Bulls say earnings has marked temporary market

will be higher than But a P/E is a moving target.

Because it is the product of simple division, a P/E can come down in one of two ways: Either the numerator (stock prices) drops,

or the denominator (earnings) rises.

The bulls' case is that corporate earnings will be higher than expected in 1994, which means that the market P/E is lower than it appears. In addition, the bulls say, rising earnings should give investors confidence to bid stocks higher next year, enough to leave the market's P/E hovering around the historical peak of 18. How the numbers shape up:

 Wall Street analysts' current consensus estimate is that the S&P 500 index will show earnings of \$25.79 a share this year, according to the earnings tracker Zacks Investment Research in Chicago. With the the earnings tracker Lacks investment Research in Chicago, with the S&P index at 464.61 Thursday, divide that by \$25.79 and you get 18.

• For 1994, analysts' consensus estimate is for the S&P companies to earn \$28.82 a share. Divide that into 464.61 and you get 16.

Thus, if you assume that the analysts' estimates are right—and that investors will be willing to pay as much for stocks a year from now as they do today (18 times earnings)—the S&P index could rise 12 percent over the next year just to maintain the P/E at 18.

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Admittedly, however, the assumptions in that calculation are huge. At this point, a 1994 earnings estimate is based more on hope than anything else. Even if analysts are right about earnings, other variables could pull down the perception of a "fair" P/E. Higher interest rates, for example, could make stocks less attractive, undercutting P/Es.

It is also worth noting that the S&P earnings number is mythical. It represents a composite figure after calculating earnings-per-share expectations for each of the 500 companies in the S&P index. So while the "market" may appear reasonably priced, according

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A Swedish Bank Born to Be Bad

Securum Inherits Failed Debt from Nordbanken

By Erik Ipsen ternational Herald Tribuna

STOCKHOLM — In Sweden, where most firms are laying off employees with recordshattering abandon, one company has hired 400 staffers in the last year and opened offices as far away as Connecticut.

"We are a true super-conglomerate," said Lars Thunell, president of Securum AB. There is no rationale whatsoever behind it."

What does stand behind Securum is disaster. Created one year ago by the Swedish government, Securum is the so-called bad bank into which all the failed loans of stateowned Nordbanken were rolled. Stripped of 67 billion kronor (\$8.26 billion) in curdled credits, a relatively healthy Nordbanken looks set to be privatized next year. "It enables us to be privatized much fast-

er," said Chairman Jacob Palmsteirna happi-

Securum, meanwhile, has overnight taken on the dubious distinction of being one of the the world's largest bad banks, and now ranks as one of Europe's largest property owners. It marks a bold and controversial European debut of an idea that was pioneered in America, most prominently with Mellon Bank Corp.'s Grant Street National Bank

The problem with bad banks in Europe, and especially in relatively lilliputian Sweden, is that their smaller and less liquid capital markets make the crucial task of selling off foreclosed assets dicey in depressed mar

The scale of the problem is evident in Securum's 2,000 individual properties. Acting on behalf of the Swedish government, its task is to manage its vast holdings well enough to find buyers for them in the open

market.
"Securum is designed as a workout unit to last 10 to 15 years," explained Stefan Ingres, the director general of Sweden's Bank Supplied to the steel it was capital. port Anthority. For that task it was capitalized by the Swedish government at 24 billion kronor, a sum equal to the nation's entire defense budget. And that may not be the end

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of it. Securum used up all but 8.9 billion kronor of its capital in its first six months of

Behind those losses is a property-heavy portfolio. Property accounts for fully 70 percent of Securum's assets, with the vast bulk but by no means all of it in Sweden itself. In Britain, for instance, Securum's holdings range from a bulbous 12-story office building shaped like Noah's Ark, to seven hotels with a total of 1,300 rooms, to an airplane service

company with 6,000 employees.

And then there is Atlanta. "Swedes went wild in Atlanta," groused Mr. Thunnel. There his company is stuck with 300 million kronor worth of second-hand office space.

Securum's foreign portfolio is likely the least of its headaches. In Germany, Spain,

Britain and elsewhere, the property market still exists, but in Sweden sellers still vastly outnumber buyers and property values have

JR East Issue Is Derailing Tokyo Market

"To sell out at the moment would make the real estate market fall even more," said Bo Lundgren, Sweden's Minister of Fiscal and Financial Affairs, a man who boned his tal-ents for dealing with banking disasters by traveling to Washington as well as Texas to study first-hand the American experience with its failed savings and loan institutions.

One of the thornier problems Securum faces is how to motivate its staff in a company that all parties concerned would like to see cease to exist as soon as possible. Mr. Thun-nel's approach is to tell his managers that success will be rewarded not by working themselves out of a job, but by a return of their units spruced up and fully staffed to the private sector.

To hasten that day, Securum is clustering its assets into units rather than attempting to sell them off piecemeal. It aims to form up to 15 groups in Sweden alone, with the largest of the lot being Nobel Industrier, which has 21,000 employees.

As a state-owned company and as one that only acquires its assets under financial duress. Securum also has some unique burdens. Its official statement on ethics hints at the challenges involved with foreclosures by saying that "employees and affected parties" must be "treated with reason and respect."

As the heir to the nasty end of what is one of the costliest disasters in Swedish banking history, Securum is charged with doing more than merely managing the mess left behind by the loan officers at Nordbanken. It must also figure out if more than bad judgment was involved. To that end last March it formed an "Irregularities Committee."

GM Cuts Losses To \$113 Million In 3d Quarter

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. announced Thursday it had sharply cut its loss in the third quarter and predicted further adances for the rest of the year.

The carmaker said it had a loss of \$113 million in the period, due mainly to its efforts to restructure its North American operations. In the same quarter a year ago, GM had a loss of \$1.1 billion.

North American operations alone had a loss of \$1.1 billion in the quarter, compared with a loss of \$1.8 billion a year earlier. But at the international level.

GM reported a profit of \$422 mil-lion, with Latin American operations remaining very strong and the European sector continuing to show a profit despite the harsh business climate there.

Without special charges, GM earned \$176 million overall. The results were better than analysts had expected, and GM shares rose \$2,125 to \$49 in late trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The loss amounted to 49 cents a

share, compared with a loss of \$1.86 a share a year earlier. The third-quarter results included a pretax restructuring charge of \$950 million, which amounted to \$589 million after taxes, or 83 cents a share, to pay for accelerated job

cuts that are part of the automaker's downsizing. GM also took a \$144 million aftertax charge to cover lump-sum payments to retirees as part of the new contract with the United Auto Workers union. Those payments will be made in 1995 and 1996.

It had a one-time gain of \$444 million from a change in U.S. tax law. The company eventually will

The automaker is in the process of closing about 20 plants, or one-fifth of its capacity, by 1996 while shedding at least 74,000 jobs. GM now has about 265,000 U.S. hourly workers.

Third-quarter revenue rose to \$30.2 billion from \$29.5 billion. The \$422 million profit from international business was a 62 per-

cent gain over a profit of \$260 million in the same sector a year ago. In Europe, GM said operations "remained profitable despite a difficult economic climate, but profits were below 1992 levels."

It said its share of the European passenger car market rose to 13.9 percent in the third period, from 12.3 percent a year earlier. GM was the third of Detroit's

Big Three automakers to report much improved third-quarter re-sults as car and truck sales gained and factories became more produc-Ford Motor Co. had a profit of

\$463 million in the period, after a loss of \$272 million a year ago, while Chrysler Corp. had income of \$423 million, up from \$202 million. "We faced some really tough issues, but we accomplished a lot," said the president of GM, John F. Smith. "We won't be satisfied until

we've restored the carnings power of our operations in the key North American market." The company's chief financial officer, C. Richard Wagoner, said that the company remained on track to break even in its North

American vehicle business by the end of the year. "We're kind of three quarters of the way there," Mr. Wagoner said. "We think we're going to meet the target, but it's going to take a good fourth quarter." He added, "It's a deep hole that we still have to work

our way out of." The company gained from in-creased retail sales and reduced reliance on less-profitable sales to rental fleets. In addition, its truck plants were running at full capacity to satisfy strong demand for pick-

ups and sport utility vehicles. "What people are focusing on is everything above the bottom line and the size of GM's operating improvement," said Jack Kirnan, an auto analyst with Salomon Brothers.

'GM's stock is a real value now." GM's latest figures marked a tremendous improvement from a year earlier, underscoring the steady progress the carmaker has made in restoring its domestic vehicle business to health after losing more

than \$17 billion since 1990. (Bloomberg, AP, AFX)

has turned into a general stock-Manji Ueda, manager of the equity department at Nomura Securities, market rout, with prices, investor pay a higher tax rate, but its earlier was halted more than two hours. it seems to be scaring them off. sentiment and the market's overall Japan's largest brokerage house. set-asides for income taxes created reputation declining rapidly. For the second day Thursday, trading in the shares of JR East, as The shares had rocketed inexpli-That has raised anxieties about the windfall. cably to 600,000 on Tuesday from

the government-controlled railroad is known, had to be suspended while the Tokyo Stock Exchange struggled to cope with waves of sell orders that paralyzed its computers. The temporary halt in dealings only seemed to raise the level of anxiety, however, by exposing po-

By James Sterngold

New York Times Service

tentially serious shortcomings in the exchange's trading systems. Investors just sold other shares.

TOKYO - What began as a jerky roller coaster ride for the shares had fallen to 525,000 year, newly listed shares of the East Japan Railway Co. earlier this week the equivalent of about \$4,860, from 600,000 yen after Wednesday's abbreviated session. Trading

the opening price of 380,000 yen. profits ever since, analysts said. Meanwhile, the closely watched Nikkei 225 stock index tumbled 359.33 points, or 1.8 percent, to 19,479.45. The index has now declined 4.1 percent over the past

There is a bitter irony in this turmoil, since the JR East listing was planned with the expectatio By the end of the day, JR East that it would bring reluctant individual investors back to the stock

> market after being frightened off by a nearly four-year plunge. Now Analysts said a volatile mix of worries were behind the market's

decline. The economy appears un-Investors have been trying to take able to emerge from a two-year recession and corporate profits are in a nosedive much worse than had been expected.

For instance, the Tokyo office of Merrill Lynch & Co. just lowered its forecast for manufacturers' profits in the current fiscal year, with orders.

the reliability of the stock market itself. People were worried about the exchange." The automated stock order sys-

from an overall drop of 15 percent, to one of 28 percent.

the largest in the world just a little

while ago, but the market has not

performed very smoothly," said

The Tokyo Stock Exchange was

tem was choked by sell orders on Wednesday, so Thursday the ex-change pulled JR East off this automated system and forced brokers to telephone the exchange floor

New Chief Aims to Put Kodak's 'Financial House in Order' tography and imaging, Mr. Fisher said.

"At Kodak, you have a franchise and a market position that is second to none in the world on the content side of the infor-Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches
NEW YORK — George Fisher said
Thursday that his first tasks as the new ability has to improve significantly, return on assets has to improve significantly." Mr. Fisher said at a news conference broadcast

chairman and chief executive at Eastman Kodak Co. were to make sure the company's "financial house is in order" and focus

on products customers want.

Mr. Fisher, chairman and chief executive at Motorola Inc., will take over Dec. I from Kay R. Whitmore, becoming the first top executive from outside Kodak in 100year history of the Rochester, New Yorkbased company. Mr. Whitmore was dismissed by Ko-

dak's board in August because of the com-pany's poor financial performance and his reluctance to radically change the tradi-tion-bound photographic giant. "It's pretty apparent to me that profit-

to Kodak employees.

He also said Kodak's \$7 billion in debt

must be reduced in order to "free the company to do some of the things it needs to get on with doing," such as investments.

The news late Wednesday of Mr. Fisher's appointment pleased Wall Street, which sent Kodak's stock higher in after-hours trading by \$4.375 to \$62.25. On Thursday, the stock closed at \$62.25.

the stock closed at \$63.75.
Mr. Fisher, 52, said Kodak would have to improve the time it takes to make decisions and produce new products that customers want rather than making products that are possible because of technology. The company already is strong in pho-

mation revolution," he said.

"And the question is how does that all tie to the very exciting things that are taking place today in computing and in communications," he said, referring to the conver-

financial health, Eugene Glazer, an analyst at Dean Witter Reynolds, said the new man was going to be more of a builder than the cost cutter that many people had envisioned for Kodak's next chief executive.

growth he brought to Motorola. During his five years as CEO, Motorola's revenue surged to \$13.3 billion from \$8.3 billion. From the end of 1987 through Sept. 30, Motorola's stock rose at an annual rate of

pany tries to appease institutional inves- chips and cellular telephones. tors who have long been dissatisfied with its stock performance.

a growth company going forward."

Mr. Fisher takes over Kodak as the comtech industries of the 1990s: computer Mr. Fisher declined to go into detail

about the financial package Kodak used to gence of computers, communications, information and entertainment. "My contention is Kodak plays a very important part at the front end of that process."

Despite Mr. Fisher's initial emphasis on could bring to Mcdak some of the rapid could bring to Mcdak some of the rapid.

Analysts said they hoped Mr. Fisher could bring to Mcdak some of the rapid.

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extremely well," he said.

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Kodak makes copiers, printers and other electronics and drugs and medical equip-

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AP, Knight-Ridder)

United Air and Delta Post Profits

post improved results Thursday, as period.

United Airlines and Delta Air

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The results, while improving have not yet strayed far from seasonal patterns. Airlines typically have their best performance in the spring and summer periods, while the autumn and winter are usually

American Airlines and North-west Airlines previously reported

Eurocurrency Deposits

The Associated Press profit for the third quarter. USAir NEW YORK — Major airlines Group was expected to be the only in the United States continued to major airline to post a loss for the

55.74 a share, in the third quarter, compared with \$6 million, or 27 cents a share, a year earlier. Revenue was up 11.6 percent, to \$3.99 billion from \$3.58 billion.

The Chicago-based company said the improved performance was principally due to cost controls and increased revenue on United's ong hanl routes.

The profit was larger than many Atlanta-based carrie Wall Street analysts had expected. Atlanta-based carrie cent to \$3.22 billion.

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But Stephen M. Wolf, chairman and chief executive, said the company still expected a loss for the fourth period and the year. He did not make a more specific forecast. Analysts' predictions of UAL's losses average about \$2.25 a share for the fourth quarter and \$2.64 for

Delta, meanwhile, reported a profit of \$60.4 million, or 65 cents a share, for the quarter ended Sept. 30, the first quarter of its financial year. In the same period in 1992, Delta had a loss of \$125.2 million. or \$3.07 a share. Revenue at the Atlanta-based carrier rose 5 per-

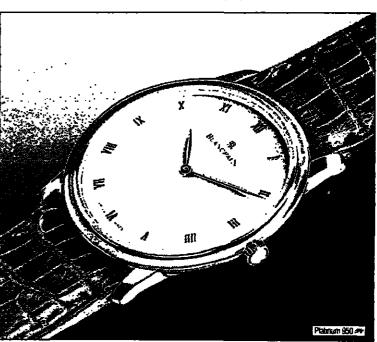
Champagne Isn't Perfume, A Court Rules

The Associated Press PARIS — A Paris court for-bid the fashion designer Yves Saint-Laurent on Thursday from using the name "Cham-pagne" on his latest perfume, which has been on the market since September, and ordered the bottles containing the scent destroyed within a

It said a 3,000 franc (\$535) fine would be issued for each bottle sold after that period. The court ruled that use of the label risked "weakening" the reputation of the wine that made the name famous.

The raling was in response to a lawsuit by such noted champagne makers as Moët & Chandon as well as the Interprofessional Committee of Champagne Wine and the in-stitute that oversees respect for regional trademarks.

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MARKET DIARY

Signs of Growth Spur Blue Chips

NEW YORK — Promising economic readings and encouraging corporate financial results sent stock prices to a new record Thursday, with program buying adding to the for jobless benefits fell by 4,000 last

market's upward momentum Blue-chip issues were the star performers of the session and the

N.Y. Stocks

Dow Jones industrial average finished at a new high. The key market measure swept past 3,700 for the first time and spent much of the day there before retreating.

For the day, the Dow gained 23.20 points to 3,687.86, according to an imofficial tally. That topped Monday's previous high of

Advances topped declines by about a 9-to-7 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange. Big Board volume was a heavy 294.7 million

Stock market participants reacted favorably to government reports

that added to recent evidence of improving economic conditions.
The Commerce Department reported that economic growth accel-

erated in the third quarter to a 2.8 percent annual rate.

Separately, the Labor Department reported that the number of week to 347,000.

"The GDP report was a very solid report. It showed moderate economic growth and low inflation. It's hard to imagine a better combi-nation for the financial markets." said Hugh Johnson, chief invest-ment officer of First Albany Corp. He said quarterly statements from General Motors and Xerox contributed to the market's enthu-

siasm while computer-guided pro-gram buying supported the trend. GM Motors and Eastman Ko-dak led the Dow's upward surge. Kodak jumped to 63%, up 1%. It led the Big Board's list of active issues after news late Wednesday that Motorola's chairman, George Fisher, had resigned to become

an and chief executive of Kodak Motorola sagged 1% to 104.

General Motors, the second most active issue, climbed 2 to 48% after reporting its losses narrowed to 49 cents a share in the third quarter from \$1.86 a year ago.
(AP, UP!)

RECOVERY: Growth in U.S.

Continued from Page 1 quarter in which the recovery has

been "functional and not just sta-

and restore the banking system to "Higher growth now comes from higher productivity, which is not bad in the long term." he said, "but

Foreign Exchange

are creating now. What we have here is a central bankers' approach. in which the jobs come gradually and at the end of the road we're all better off.

That strategy means cracking inflation, which leads to higher investment, better business margins and eventually to unemployment rates around the low end of 6 percent. It's really a 10-year process, and it is under way in most of the world. It started around 1988, which means we're really halfway Greenwich, Connecticut. there, and Clinton may see some of

the results sooner than you think." This is essentially the economic strategy of the administration itself, although it can hardly advertise that fact, lest it arouse the The pound gained to \$1.4883 from Democrats' traditional union and \$1.4810. working-class constituencies. A job-creation rate of 150,000 a dollar stood at 1.4785 Swiss francs, month — which Labor Secretary off from 1.4809 francs, and 5.8530

ery" - is in fact barely enough to keep up with the natural growth of the labor force.

Such economic growth rates also He attributed its slowness to the meed to work off corporate debt clinton promised in his election campaign on — and he has been among the first to admit that.

But instead of advocating anoth er spending program, he hailed the 2.8 percent growth rate as "real progress" and called for congressional approval of the North American Free Trade Agreement and of it's not going to generate a lot more his health care plan, to open up jobs than the 150,000 a month we export opportunities and cut business's costs.

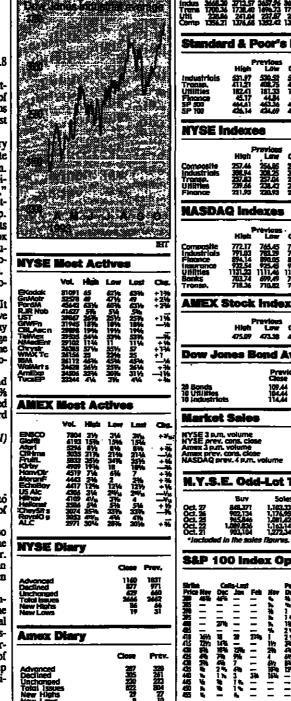
■ Central Banks Sink Dollar The dollar fell against other major currencies after European centrai banks sold the currency, choking off an early rally, Bioomberg Business News reported. The banks took advantage of

the morning's rally to sell dollars to adjust their reserves," said James McGroarty, managing director at Athena Global Investments in In afternoon New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.6743

Deutsche marks, down from 1.6800

DM at Wednesday's close, and at

108.15 yen, off from 108.70 yen. Against other currencies, the



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Xerox Net Surges 24% in 3d Quarter

STAMFORD, Connecticut (AP) — Xerox Corp. reported Thursday that its earnings rose 24 percent to \$150 million in the third quarter, primarily due to a one-time U.S. tax credit of \$23 million in its core

document-processing business.

Xerox said its income from document processing, which accounts for most of the company's earnings, grew 25 percent in the third quarter to \$148 million, largely because of the tax credit. Income from financial services and insurance operations — businesses from which Xerox is in the process of disengaging itself — remained flat at \$2 million.

Revenues remained flat at \$3.6 billion, the company said.

For the first nine months, Xerox earned \$451 million, compared with a loss of \$284 million. The loss last year reflected \$764 million in one-time charges for changes in the way the company accounts for its liabilities for benefits paid to retired employees and income taxes. Revenue slipped to \$10.42 billion from \$10.46 billion last year.

Martin Marietta Buoyed by New Unit

BETHESDA, Maryland (UPI) - Martin Marietta Corp., the secondlargest U.S. defense contractor, citing benefits from its acquisition of General Electric Co,'s aerospace electronics business, reported Thursday that its entirely some 36 percent in the third quarter to \$131.1 million.

Revenue rose 59 percent to \$2.46 billion, boosted by the inclusion of the new unit.

Martin Marietta announced Sept. 30 it would cut 2,000 jobs and close 10 plants by the end of next year, on top of the 9,000 jobs it had already planned to cut this year as part of its plan to reduce costs by \$1.5 billion

over the next five years.

When the \$3 billion acquisition was announced last November, the ombined operations employed about 97,000. But with the company's cuts and the continued effects of lower domestic and foreign military spending, the work force stood at 86,171 on Sept. 30, compared with 87,990 at the end of the second quarter.

Health-Care Units Boost W.R. Grace

BOCA RATON, Florida (Bloomberg) — W.R. Grace & Co. said Thursday that its third-quarter operating earnings rose 13 percent to \$63.6 million as gains in the company's health-care businesses more than offset a decline in its specialty chemicals.

Revenue rose 2 percent to \$1.14 billion. The figure for last year had included \$58.7 million from units that were subsequently sold. Revenue at units still part of the company had increased 8 percent.

The company said that its operating income in specialty chemicals had fallen 2 percent to \$60.5 million because of weak European demand, an unfavorable exchange rate and a higher U.S. tax rate.

Cablevision to Buy 3 Cable Systems

WOODBURY, New York (Reuters) — Cablevision Systems Corp. said Thursday it had agreed to purchase three cable television systems in New Jersey and Massachusetts from Sutton Capital Associates Inc.

A spokeswoman confirmed a published report that the purchase price would be \$463 million.

Cablevision said the systems it will acquire are in close proximity to systems it already owns in the two states.

The largest system, Monmouth Cablevision, serves 31 communities in central New Jersey with approximately 115,000 cable subscribers.

For the Record

Bank of Boston Corp. said its income in the third quarter fell 45 percent to \$41 million after taking charges related to its acquisitions of two financial institutions. Bank of Boston acquired Multibank Financial Corp., of Quincy, Massachusetts, and Society for Savings, of Hartford, Connecticut, during the quarter.

Textron Inc. named Lewis B. Campbell president and a director. effective Jan. 1. A veteran of General Motors Corp., he joined the company in 1992 as executive vice president and chief operating officer. He replaces James F. Hardymon as president. (Bloomberg) He replaces James F. Hardymon as president.

Canary Wharf Readies Return

LONDON — Olympia & York Development Ltd.'s said Thursday that it believed the High Court would allow its Canary Wharf development project in east London to come out of administration on Friday.

The company also said Transport Minister John MacGregor was

expected to authorize Friday a £1.7 billion (\$2.5 billion) extension of London's Jubilee subway line to the east London real estate development if the court released funds now under administration.

On Oct. 20, the High Court approved Olympia & York De-Robert B. Reich boasted this week French francs, down from 5.8610 £1.1 billion refinancing plan, paving the way for the development to come out of receivership.

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Volvo Loses **Backing** On Renault

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And the state of t STOCKHOLM - Swedish Fond 92/94, a state-controlled fund manager that has a 2,4 percent voting stake in Volvo AB, said it would vote against the proposed merger of Volvo's auto operations with those of France's Renault SA.

The announcement was the biggest blow struck so far by Swedish opponents of the plan for the automakers to form a joint operating company. Renault-Volvo RVA,

The growing criticism of the plan in Sweden has focused on the dominant stake to be taken by Renault and the fact that the French antomaker is still a state-controlled company. Hans Mertzig managing director of Fond 92/94, explained the fund's opposition by saying.
"The thing is that Renault is not yet privatized."

The chairman of Volvo, Pehr

The chairman of Volvo, Pehr Gyllenhammar, replied that if the French government set a definite date for Renault's privatization, it would risk being forced to sell

shares in a poor market.
All Volvo shareholders are due to vote at a special meeting Nov. 9 on the transaction, announced last month, in which Renault is to control 65 percent of the new company and Volvo 35 percent.

A Volvo spokesman said the company had no immediate comment on the fund's announcement

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gy of free trade and deregulation. That strategy may be winning out

in practice as wages, protective work rules and social benefits come

under pressure across the Commu-

nity, but Mr. Major will find him-

self isolated at the meeting because

of his strident anti-EC rhetoric and

EC officials say.

eak domestic political position.

Mr. Delors indicated this week

that he would argue for greater

flexibility on wages, work time and

payroll charges, as well as an ex-

pansion of Community lending

programs designed to boost

growth. And President Francois Mitterrand of France has proposed

a 100 billion (\$876.8 million) Ecu

Ferranti Opts to Bite Bullet By Accepting GEC Takeover

LONDON - Ferranti International PLC, the struggling British defense electronics firm, finally gave up its battle for independence on Thursday, accepting a bid from the electronics concern Gen-

eral Electric Co. for just one pence a share.

Ferranti said the only alternative to accepting the GEC bid, which valued the company at £10.1 million (\$15.0 million), would have been to call in

Fernanti buckled under the weight of a \$215 million case of frand discovered in 1989 at Internafor \$403 million in 1987.

being paid for the shares, it would effectively be required to assume Ferranti's current exposure to banks and other indebtedness of some £140 mil-

Wellcome Stock Slides on News Of AZT Sales

LONDON - Shares of Wellcome PLC slid Thursday, despite a 46 percent increase in the pharmacentical company's annual presax profit, as sales growth in its anti-AIDS drug AZT slowed.

The company said pretax profit in the year ended Aug. 31 rose to £667 million (\$986.5 million). Sales of its main product, Zovirax, which is used to treat herpes infections, jumped 30 percent to £760 million. and sales of AZT, also known as Retrovir, rose 16 percent to £248

In both cases, however, analysts had been forecasting still bigger sales growth. Sales of AZT had risen 22 percent in the previous

Chairman John Robb said preliminary findings of an Anglo-French study published in April that appeared to show the drug did not delay the onset of full-blown AIDS had clearly discouraged its use in some markets.

There was a lot of confusion amongst prescribers and amongst patients themselves, and that certainly had an impact on our sales," he said in a telephone interview. The stock was down 12 percent

from Wednesday's close, with with Du Pont Co. as well as to a shares changing hands at 717

Analysts also pointed out that

space AG, a large defense and aero-space unit of Daimler-Benz AG,

Hartmut Mehdorn, a board

member, said the company expected to report a loss of 800 million

Deutsche marks (\$478 million) in

1993, to close five plants and to cut

16,000 workers in Germany from

the company's payrolls by 1997.

The company later denied the loss

Georg von Waldenfels, finance

nister for the state of Bavaria,

which owns 8.58 percent of DASA,

as Deutsche Aerospace is known,

VW labor representatives wel-

comed the automaker's proposal in Still Be Saved?"

faced a similar dilemma.

helped by currency fluctuations, with the pound's devaluation credited for 13 percentage points of Wellcome's 20 percent rise in sales to £2.04 billion. Results also were helped by a nonrecurring gain of £17 million. Excluding this element, the results were at the lower end of the range of expectations,

analysts said. They responded to the disappointment by scaling back their orecasts for the company's earnngs. James Culverwell of the stockbrokerage Hoare Govett Ltd. said he was now looking for 1993/94 pretax profit of around £690 million, down from his previous fore-cast of £775 million.

Mr. Robb acknowledged that competition and economic conditions were difficult. He said the company planned to retain market share by being "much more aggres-sive where necessary on price."

He said Wellcome could afford to compete more on price now that it had achieved a long-term goal of boosting operating margins above

Wellcome raised its dividend to 17.3 pence a share for the year from

13.0 pence. At the 1993 rate, earnings were 2.7 times the dividend, compared

principle, but said they resented

being put under pressure via the media.

four-day work week with us," said

Klaus Volkert, chairman of VW's

workers council. He said the em-

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(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

VW: 30,000 Jobs Are Threatened

• Rhône-Poulenc SA will cut its dividend this year, a spokeswoman said.

Very briefly:

For 1992, the French chemical and pharmaceutical company paid a net dividend of 12 francs (\$2.05) a share. Since then, the company has made a - SmithKline Beecham PLC said it planned to consolidate most of its

U.K. pharmaceutical research and development operations, at a cost of more than £200 million (\$295.8 million). Citibank said it received a license to open a bank in Moscow early next year. The unit of New York-based Citicorp said the Central Bank of the Russian Federation had granted permission to turn its year-old represen-

tative office into a bank that accepts deposits and makes loans. Groupe AG said it hoped to raise as much as 10.7 billion Belgian francs (\$294.6 million) in a sale of new shares to help finance the insurer's purchase of the Belgian bank and insurance company CGER-ALSK.

 Denmark's central bank cut its repurchase rate half a point, to 8 percent. The bank in recent days had made similar cuts in its discount and folio rates and in rates paid on certificates of deposit.

 Eastern Germany's industrial output was little changed in August from the figure in July but was 8.2 percent higher than the unadjusted August

Axa Still Sees Stronger 1993

DASA workers booed and whistled at Mr. Mehdorn, and outside the factory hundreds of black crosses on a lawn carried the mes-Similar proposals for radical change also are being discussed at

company would post a slightly higher profit in 1993. He said at a news conference that the contribution to Axa's profit by Equitable Companies Inc. of the United States would be greater in the second half than it was in the first half. Axa holds 49 percent of

PARIS — Claude Bebear, chair-man of the French insurance group francs (\$141.9 million), up 2.2 per-Axa, reaffirmed Thursday that the cent from a year earlier. Sales rose company would post a slightly to 60.1 billion francs, up from 30.3 billion francs after consolidating

> As a result of the impact of Equitable, about 66 percent of Axa's activities are now outside France. up from 37 percent a year ago.

(Bloomberg, AFX)

tional Signal & Control, an arms exporter it bought GEC said that, in addition to the £10.1 million

Ferranti said that its board "has carefully con-

EUROPE: Labor Unrest on Rise but EC Summit Is Expected to Skirt Issue

But EC finance ministers reject- and growth. France's long-term ed a commission proposal earlier rates are at the lowest level in a

ICI Net Surges After Zeneca Sell-Off

continue in Continental European

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many's at around 6 percent, he not-

What's more, he added, interest

rates cannot affect the deep-seated

causes of Europe's unemployment

problem such as high wages, rigid work rules and limited labor mobil-

with monetary policy," he said.

do everything."

"Money matters, but money can't

The dilemma facing European policymakers is especially acute in Belgium. The unemployment rate

fast; a system of automatic wage

"We can't fight unemployment

LONDON - Imperial Chemical Industries PLC, the British industrial group that earlier this year split off its Zeneca health unit, said Thursday that profit before taxes and exceptional items jumped 43 percent to £240 million (\$355 million) for the first nine months and more than tripled to £73 million in the third quarter.

The welcome improvement in the results compared with last year of opposition. "It's too early to give a comment," he said. "We'll have reshaping and self-help programs to see."

(Bloomberg, Reuters) begun in 1990 and a more competi-

this week to increase lending. Ger-

many contended that the lending

would not increase jobs and that

demand for the Community's exist-

On monetary policy, meanwhile, EC leaders chastened by the sum-

mer's currency crisis have rejected

calls for interest-rate cuts to spur

recovery and ruled out any attempt

to reimpose narrow currency trad-

Wim Duisenberg, head of the Dutch central bank, said France

and other countries that declined to

slash short-term rates after the

rate mechanism had been rewarded

ing margins any time soon.

ing funds was already lagging.

tive exchange rate," said Sir Denys Henderson, the company's chair-Sales grew 12.6 percent to £6.35 billion in the first nine months and climbed 19.2 percent to £2.17 bil-Analysts had widely predicted a lion in the quarter.

profit increase of only £55 million "This quarter represents the first in which ICI has operated in its to £70 million for the quarter.
But Sir Denys cantioned that new form post the demerger," said Sir Denys. "Substantial further progress has been made in reshapbusiness conditions remained chal-"Prices remain under pressure in

the duty to trade lawfully, believes at this time that

the only alternative to the offer would be to invite

Ferranti shares, quoted at 6.75 pence only two days ago, plunged to 1.5 pence Thursday on the

London Stock Exchange.

General Electric and Ferranti said that GEC, which is not related to the U.S. company of the same name, and its associates already owned ap-

proximately 0.47 percent of Ferranti's ordinary shares and 2.49 percent of its special share capital. General Electric said that discussions with Fer-

ranti had been taking place for some time, adding

that Ferranti's increasingly weak financial position had adversely affected its ability to win new busi-

Ferranti supplies advanced systems to markets

efense and the public.
(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX, AFP)

the appointment of receivers."

all business sectors," he said. "Al-though we are seeing a steady but unexciting recovery in the United He referred not only to the Zeneca sale but also to an asset swap titanium pigment joint venture pence, down 91 pence, in afternoon with NL Industries Inc. States, difficult trading conditions

cession is threatening to bankrupt

Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene has promised to begin work

immediately after the summit

meeting on a package of reforms

including wage restraints, cuts in welfare benefits and some payroll

taxes, and tax increases on proper-

down too heavily on workers with-out offering any real prospect of

The government's proposed three-year freeze on inflation-ad-

justed wages, for example, falls short of the freeze on actual wages

de Grauwe, a Flemish liberal sena-

Unions say the proposals come

the social welfare system.

ty, alcohol and tobacco.

Belgium. The unemployment rate that is being sought in both Germahere is at 14.1 percent and rising my and the Netherlands, said Paul fast; a system of automatic research.

(AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

by big falls in long-term rates, borrowing dedicated to job crewhich are crucial for investment out of export markets, and the re- University of Leuven.

to the S&P earnings figure, that does not tell you about individual stocks in the index. If earnings gains are concentrated in a relative few stocks in the S&P and the majority disappoint, a high market P/E is not sustainable.

The bulls say that the good news in third-quarter corporate reports so far is that earnings continue to improve in a healthy cross-section of businesses, including financial, industrial and technology companies. Among industrial companies in particular, earnings gains have occurred despite sales growth.

William Dodge, stock strategist at Dean Witter Reynolds in New York, calculates that about half the S&P 500 companies have reported third-quarter results, and that the aggregate earnings gain for those companies is 11.5 percent versus a year ago. Sales are up 4.5 percent.

"Sales are a little slower than expected, but the companies' margins are better than expected." Mr. Dodge says.

Some of Wall Street's detractors contend that the rise in earnings is illusory. Take out the benefits of

RATIO: Of Bulls, Bears, P/Es and the 1994 Scenario

- the actual profit on product sales - may not look so exciting. boost productivity has become reli-

lower interest rates and corporate mentality apparently has spread cost-cutting, and "core" earnings from industrial America to concost-cutting, and "core" earnings sumer products companies as well.

If you want to paint an exceed-But Mr. Dodge argues that it is ingly bullish scenario for 1994, wrong to view cost-critting as mere-some experts say, this is it: Moderly a one-time benefit. The drive to ate U.S. sales gams boost industrial boost productivity has become religion to U.S. companies, he says.
Even if sales grow faster than expected in 1994, he sees no end to corporate efficiency efforts. That economic recovery in Europe.

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME PROTECTION TRUST FCP

2, Boulevard Royal, LUXEMBOURG

Dividend Announcement

The Putnam Premier Income Protection Trust will pay to its shareholders on record date 29 October 1993, a dividend of US\$ 0,05 per share portfolio A.

The shares are traded ex dividend date as from 29 October 1993. The payments will be made on 5 November 1993. Luxembourg, 25 October 1993

The Board of Directors of NKK Putnam Management Company

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said he would urge the company to adopt the VW model and institute throughout Europe. "Nothing is as it was," said Hera four-day work week instead. bert Henzler, co-author of a forth-

REPUBLIC OF TURKEY PRIME MINISTRY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ADMINISTRATION

A TYRE MANUFACTURER IN THE FASTEST GROWING AUTOMOTIVE MARKET

The Republic of Turkey, Prime Ministry Public Participation Administration (PPA) offers for sale the shares of the following company

Share Capital Percentage of **Nominal** Amount of of the Company Shares Subject Value of Shares **Bid Bond** Company Name (Industry) For Sale (TL) PETLAS Lastik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. 1,300,000,000,000 99.922 1,298,991,000,000 10,000,000,000 (Tyre Manufacturing)

1. Information memorandum relating to the sale of the above company can be obtained from the PPA for a fee of TL 300,000. 2. The sale of the shares of the stated company will be realized by obtaining the bids and performing negotiations with the bidders.

3. Tender offers shall be given in US Dollars. In the event of the offer is made on installment basis in terms of US Dollars, the portion related to installments will be discounted by applying

LIBOR+2 compound interest principles as of the tender date. The down payment and installment payments, denominated in US Dollars, shall be made in Turkish Liras by using The Central Bank of Turkey's foreign exchange selling rate prevailing as of the payment date. Furthermore, installment payments will also be secured by means of adequate guarantees. 4. Investors are required to submit an irrevocable unconditional bid bond payable on first demand with a maturity period of at least 6 months, amounting to TL 10,000,000,000 to Republic of

Turkey Prime Ministry Public Participation Administration's Office [Hüseyin Rahmi Gürpınar Sokak, No. 2, Çankaya, 06680, ANKARA-TURKEY] no later than November 29, 1993 Monday

by 6.00 PM Turkish mean time. 5. The tender offer, together with the receipt obtained upon submission of the bid bond to PPA, shall be made in a scaled envelope on which the name of the company and the sign of

"CONFIDENTIAL" should be indicated.

6. The following documents must be attached to the tender offer in the event.

a) the bidder is a real person, the certificate of specimen signature,

b) the bidding is made by a proxy, the power of attorney particulary authorizing to bid in this tender on behalf of the bidder together with this certificate of specimen signature of the attorney, c) the bidder is a legal person, a certificate of power proving that the persons acting on behalf of the legal person have the authority to represent and obligate the legal person together with

7. Subsequent to the termination of the sale negotiations with the eligible bidders; a letter of intent encompassing the terms of price and payments as well as a performance bond amounting at least-6% of the final agreed value will be requested from the bidder who meets the PPA's selection criteria. The unconditional bid bond will be cashed and recorded as income in the event that the letter of intent is not given or the letter of intent is given however the performance bond is not given and/or the agreement is not signed within the period as agreed upon between

8. The PPA is not subject to the State Tender Law No: 2886 and reserves the right to decide whether or not to sell the shares and to extend the deadline of the tender, if deems necessary.

9. Other significant matters relating to the sale of the above Company will be notified to the investors during negotiations meetings.

10. The sale of the shares to real persons and the legal entities domiciled abroad is subject to the existing law and regulations of foreign capital, copies of which are obtainable from the Undersecretariat of Treasury and Foreign Trade, General Directorate of Foreign Investment.



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Malaysia, **McDonnell** Clinch Deal

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches KUALA LUMPUR -- Malaysia and McDonnell Douglas Corp. signed an agreement Thursday for a 10-year technology transfer program worth about \$250 million. Kuala Lumpur's decision to buy eight F/A-18D fighter aircraft from McDonnell Douglas clinched

"The final agreement to buy the planes is expected to be signed be-fore the end of the year," Mr. Najib said. He declined to say how much the planes would cost, but defense analysts said it could be \$1.5 billion.

The minister said that the socalled offset program with McDon-nell Douglas would "go a long way to further develop Malaysia's aerospace industry.

He said it would provide for the manufacture of airframe components, transfer of technology to repair and overhaul aircraft engines and installation of a simulator.

"It also provides for the development of a computer-based training package for air force maintenance personnel and the manufacture of components for commercial aircraft," the minister said.

Mr. Najib said a regional aircraft maintenance center and a pilot and technical staff training center

would be set up under the program. "Through a defense procure-ment of this nature, we are establishing greater trade linkages between Malaysian aerospace industry ventures and major American firms, thus gaining access to high technology," he said.

(Reuters, AFP) ■ Losses for Asia Airlines

Qantas Airways, Australia's flagship carrier, reported a loss Thursday of 376.8 million dollars (\$250.2 million) in the year that ended June 30, largely due to writeoffs related to its merger with Australian Airlines, Last year, the airline had a profit of 137.6 million.

Meanwhile, All Nippon Airways Co. said its pretax profit fell 62.5 percent to 6.5 billion yen (\$60 million) in the six months to September. Japan Air System Co. said it plunged to a 3.1 billion yen loss, after a profit of 1.4 billion yen a (Bloomberg, AFP)

Outside the Framework? U.S. Trade Talks Become Sales Pitch

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - In its new proposals to open the Japanese market to imports, the U.S. government is seeking especially to promote sales of American-

built cars and trucks. The effort is being made despite a provision in Washington's recent trade framework agreement with Japan stating that any steps to open Japan's market must benefit other potential trading partners as well as the United States.

In the auto proposals, which were presented last week, the United States called for "prompt, substantial and sustained" increases in purchases, not just of foreign automobiles but specifically of

The United States also wants to promote exports of American cars made by its Big Three automakers — not those made on Japanese assem-bly lines in the United States.

On auto parts, the proposal calls for measuring not only sales of all foreign-made parts but also those of American-made parts, or what it terms 'non-Japanese U.S. auto parts."

The proposal has not been made public, but a partial text was made available by someone familiar with the negotiations.

The proposal could cause new concern on the part of European and Asian countries that the trade framework agreement would give an advan-tage to American companies. The United States has been saying this would not be the case.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Commerce, which is in charge of the auto talks, said the agency would not comment because of an under-standing with Japan not to discuss the contents of negotiations.

But a Japanese official, asked about the wording, said it appeared to run counter to the framework agreement, which says that benefits of mea-sures to increase access to Japan's market should be available to all nations.

In its trade talks, the United States is trying to close what some officials view as a loophole in a 1992 pledge by Japanese auto companies to pur-chase \$19 billion of American parts annually by fiscal 1994.

Some government officials and parts maker have complained that much of the resulting increase in purchases of "American" parts has come from Japanese parts makers in the United States, not from American-owned companies that say

they have been unfairly excluded from Japan. **Seoul Frees Banks on Rates**

tions to set more of their own inter-

est rates starting Monday.
"Free-market forces will determine many of the rates for lending and borrowing," said Kim Young Dae of the central Bank of Korea's

monetary policy division. The plan empowers financial institutions to manage 84 percent of their loan rates and 57 percent of deposit rates without government intervention. Institutions now con trol only 10 percent of lending and

It was hoped the easing would help companies get cheaper credit. While the move should produce "slight rises" in interest rates, Mr.

Analysts and local media have speculated that deregulation would result in an increase of up to three ntage points in the prime rate, 8.5 percent for most customers and 9.5 percent at newer banks.

But they said the central bank might counter a rise by expanding

And the Yonhap press agency quoted a Finance Ministry official as saying that if "interest rates start rocketing in the wake of Monday's cal company could invest in other deregulation, a possible cut in the companies. Reuters reported.

discount rate twice this year, to 6 percent from 8 percent in January. and by a further percentage point to 5 percent in March. (Reut

■ Taiwan to Tighten Rules

The Economics Ministry said Thursday it planned to reimpose a ceiling on corporate reinvestment. limiting the amount that each lo-

Profits Slide At 4 Electronics Firms in Japan

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
TOKYO — First-half profits numbled at four of five major Japanese electronics companies that announced results Thursday, indicating the industry had not yet started

ing the industry had not yet started to emerge from its three-year slump in the six months ended Sept, 30.

Fujitsu Ltd.'s loss doubled from a year earlier, to 44 billion yen (\$406.8 million), while NEC Corp., Mitsubishi Electric Corp. and Hisachi Ltd. reported emergible less tachi Ltd. reported generally larger-than-expected declines of 15

percent to 49 percent in profits.
Only Toshiba Corp. registered higher earnings, a result it attributed to strong sales of power-generaling equipment.

Toshiba said the yen's recent ap-

preciation against the dollar had cut about 56 billion yen from its sales and 36 billion yen from its profit. Nevertheless, its parent-company sales rose 1.2 percent from a year earlier, to 1.54 trillion yen, and its net profit jumped 15 percent, to 17 billion year.

While Southeast Asia and China remained (avorable markets, the U.S. recovery was not as robust as expected, and the European market showed little sign of recovery," Toshiba said.

Toshiba said a 22 percent rise in sales of heavy electrical equipment, including power generators, and in-creased demand in the United States for computers and memory chips helped offset declines in oth-

NEC, Japan's largest semiconductor maker, said its parent-company sales fell 2.2 percent to 1.33 trillion yen and net profit plunged 49 percent to 5.14 billion yen. It generally sluggish corporate and

Mitsubishi Electric's parentcompany sales fell 3 percent to 1.14 trillion yen, while net income dropped 23 percent to 4.8 billion

ery maker, said its parent-company sales rose 1.9 percent to 1.93 trillion yen but its profit fell 15 percent to

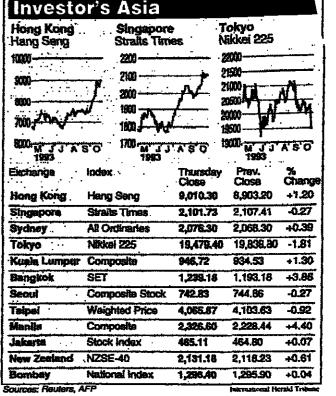
At Fujitsu, Japan's largest computer maker, consolidated sales slipped 14.3 percent to 1.45 trillion yen. The company said sales of computer and information systems fell 21.2 percent, chiefly because of

stagnant demand and the yea's rise. Punctuating the series of poor first-half results, Hitachi announced it would cut about 2,000 jobs during the current half-year, ending March 31. That would be more than 2 percent of its work force and would almost equal the umber of jobs cut in the previous

■ Lower Bonnses at Toyota Toyota Motor Co. has asked employees to accept lower winter bonuses because of poor sales, a company spokesman said.

Renters, citing an industry source, reported from Tokyo that Toyota was likely to ask for the winter bonus to be the same as this year's summer bonus. In April Toyota's union negotiated bonuses

averaging 890,000 yen per employee for the summer and 920.000 ven for the winter, but the two sides agreed to review the winter bonus



Very briefly:

gkok's SET stock index surged 3.9 percent to an all-time high of 1,239.18 on Thursday as U.S. and Japanese institutional funds targeted real estate and brokerage issues.

 The Hong Kong Stock Exchange will start using a new trading system, the Automatic Order Matching and Execution System, on Monday to promote efficiency in trading as well as speed and accuracy. • Shanghai Petrochemical, the second Chinese state-run company to list

shares in Hong Kong, said net profit totaled 414,7 million dollars (\$53.7 million) in the six months that ended June 30. • Nestlé SA of Switzerland will acquire 50 percent of Magnolia Corp., a

San Miguel Corp. unit, in a new venture with the Philippines's largest icecream maker; Nestle's investment will be 1.4 billion pesos (\$48 million). • Mitsubishi Petrochemical Co. will set up a 50-50 joint venture in Tokyo in January to develop and market agricultural chemicals with Rhône-Poulenc's Agro Chimie for sale in Japan and abroad.

Foster's Brewing Group sold its (arm services unit to Elders Australia Ltd. for 311 million dollars (\$206 million).

AFP, Bloomberg, Reuters, 4F

Kim said, "this will not be a signifi- discount rate cannot be ruled out." SEOUL - South Korea took a cant threat." The Bank of Korea has cut the

major step toward financial deregulation Thursday by allowing banking and nonbanking institu-

deposit rates.

The deregulation is the second

and most comprehensive of a fourstep plan that the government aims to complete by the end of 1997, when nearly all rates will be determined by market forces.



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for the following purpose: **AGENDA**

"Upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors, to amend Article SIXTH of the Corporation's Charter such that the Corporation may be dissolved by a simple majority of shareholders representing the total number of outstanding shares of the Corporation so that the amended article reads as follows:- SIXTH: The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual but it may be dissolved at any time for any of the reasons provided by law or whenever so resolved as a shareholder's meeting by the vote of a majority of shareholders representing a majority of the total number of outstanding shares of the Corporation.

Approval of the above item of the agenda will require the affirmative vote of the simple majority of the voting shares of the Corporation present or represented at the meeting. Each share is entitled to one vote.

Holders of registered shares may vote by proxy by mailing a form of proxy obtained from Fidelity Investments Luxembourg SA, the Fund's registrar and transfer agent, to the following address:

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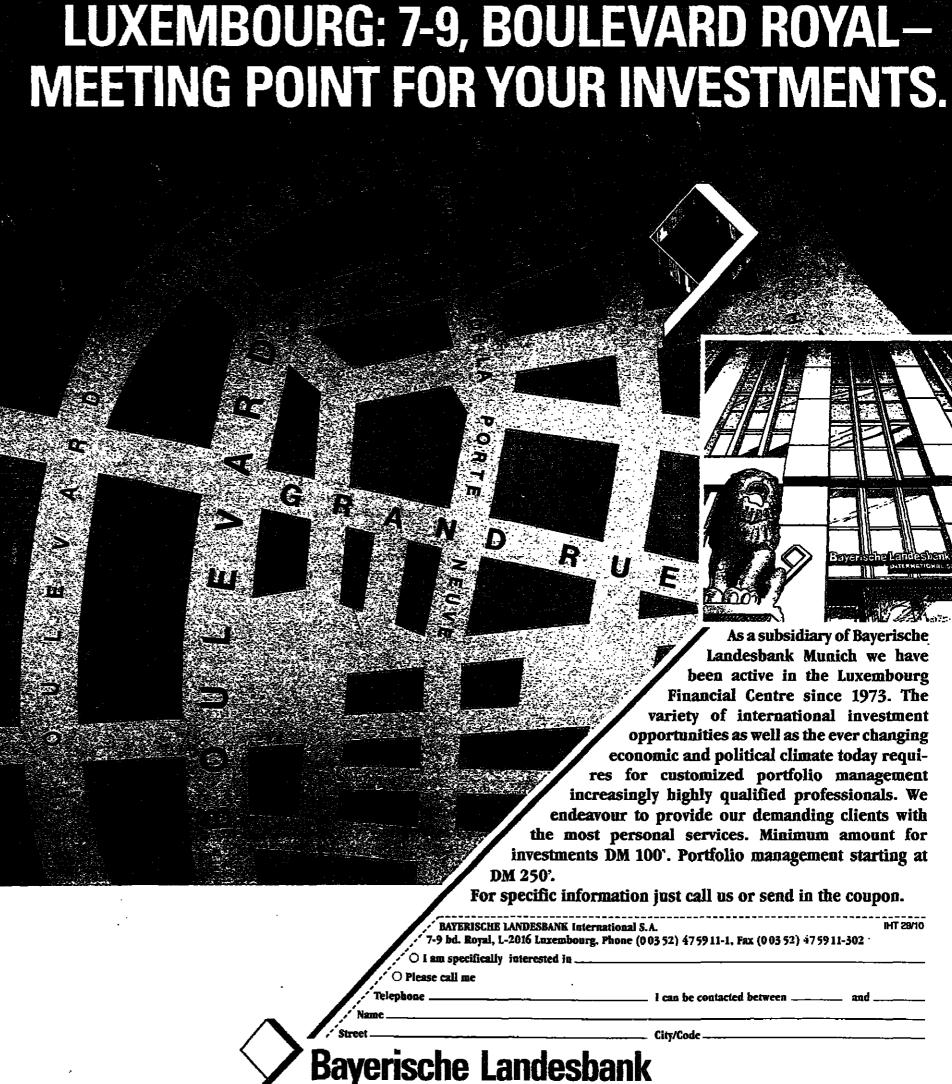
Holders of bearer shares may vote by proxy by obtaining from the above institution a form of bearer shareholders proxy, certificate of deposit and receipt for bearer share certificates, against deposit of their bearer share certificates, and mailing the proxy and certificate of deposit to the Corporation at the address set forth in the preceding paragraph.

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the Corporation at the address set forth in the preceding paragraph, against receipt therefore which receipt will entitle said bearer shareholders to exercise such rights. All proxies (and certificates of deposits issued to bearer shareholders) must be received by the Corporation at the registered office of the Registrar not later than 5.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on November 5, 1993 in order to be

Dated: October 27, 1993

By order of the Board.



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EXPORTS TARGETING A BREAKTHROUGH

Over the past two years, India has slashed licensing, industrial allowed foreign companies to invest up to 51 percent, automatically disinvested shares of public-sector companies, made the rupee convertital-market reforms.

When P.V. Narasimha Rao became prime minister in June 1991. India was on the verge of defaulting on its sovereign debt. The government sold gold and squeezed imports to save

Real GDP grew by 4.2% in 1992-93

foreign exchange and devalued the rupee by 20 percent against the dollar. Simultaneously, it launched a medium-term plan to liberalize the Indian economy.

The macroeconomic ben-

efits of this policy have been mixed. On the positive side, inflation and the fiscal deficit have been con-trolled. Real GDP growth in 1992-93 was 4.2 percent, compared with just 1.2 percent in the previous year. The most significant achievement in 1992-93 was a sharp fall in inflation, without which the whole adjustment process would have been derailed. The wholesale price index at the end of March 1993 rose by only 7 percent. Foreignexchange reserves rose from \$6.4 billion at the end of March 1993 to over \$8 billion in the third quarter of this year.

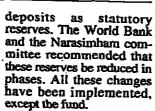
In mid-1991, the government appointed a committee headed by M. Narasimham, a former finance secretary and a governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), to create a road map for reforming the banking system. This year, a commission was set up, headed by R.N. Malhotra, also a former RBI governor, to suggest reform proposals for the insurance industry. While the Malhotra commission has yet to deliver its report, the Narasimham committee has suggested some basic changes.

One was that profitable banks be allowed to make equity issues to the public to bolster their depleted capital. According to RBI estimates, banks will need around 100 billion rupees (\$3.2 billion) for recapitalization, much of which will have to come from the government. Banks plan to raise about 40 billion rupees by publicly offering

part of their equity capital. The State Bank of India. India's largest bank, is entering the capital market on December 10. This move will reduce the government holding from 98 percent to 70 percent. The eventual aim is to put as much as 49 percent on the market. At least five other nationalized banks will be allowed to enter the capital market to boost their capital and in the process reduce

government holding.
To deal with bad loans, the Narasimham committee suggested that an asset reconstruction fund be set up to buy bad loans from the banks at a discount and then try to recover parts of them. Mr. Narasimham and his team suggested that bal-ance sheets be made more transparent, bad debts be provided for, weak banks be merged with strong banks and bank chiefs be given more autonomy. Indian banks are forced to keep a large amount of

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The RBI has cut interest ible only on trade rates and reserve requirements while expanding the scope of socially minded credit to include export financing. New licenses for private banks with a minimum capital of \$33 million are being considered. In 1992-93, India's exports totaled \$18.4 billion

 a rise of just 3.6 percent. During the same period, imports went up by 11 per-cent, to \$21.7 billion. One of India's main burdles on the export front was the collapse of its main trading partners in the former Communist bloc countries, especially the former Soviet Union. Exports to this area fell by over \$1.1 billion - a drop of 62 percent that was more than compensated for by exports to the general currency area. This year, exports are going up again, and India may still end up meeting its target of a 20 percent growth rate.

The government's policies aimed at attracting foreign investment are a step in the right direction. The bulk of investment proposals have come from consumer products manufacturers selling branded products - Coca-Cola, Unilever, McDonald's, Nestlé and



India's tourism, trade and investment outlook have improved since the implementation of the government's economic reforms.

rate of return after tax. Although foreign institutional investors can now invest directly in the Indian capital markets, only about \$260 million dollars has come in so far.

Other companies, such as J.P. Morgan, Pioneer. Alliance Capital and Bear Sterns, are planning joint ventures. Lazard Brothers' Indian joint venture is launching a mutual fund.

The government has also allowed Indian companies Gillette, for example, to list and sell their shares Future investments are on the world markets. A expected in the power sec-number of companies are tor, where the government planning to float equity and

is guaranteeing a 16 percent bond issues abroad, which presents good opportunities to foreign investment bankers.

Some institutions are already reforming themselves. Leading project-finance institution Industrial Development Bank of India is diversifying into investment banking and foreignexchange management, with branches in Europe, the United States, Japan and Southeast Asia. IDBI is also expanding its venture-capital activities and has signed up with Asian Capital Partners of Hong Kong to sell financial services. Says

S.H. Khan, the acting chair-

man: "We are launching a export target of \$1.4 billion, credit-rating agency, a com-pany called Investor Services India Ltd., which will offer post-issue services and promote the National Stock Exchange."

Export performance in

1992-93 was good if the sharp fall in exports to the former Communist bloc countries is taken into account. In the first two months of 1993-94, the growth rate showed a 29.7 percent gain over the same period last year. During this period, imports also dropped - by 4 percent nearly wiping out the trade deficit. The trend continued through July.

The main boost to exports during those two months was the full convertibility of the rupee on trade accounts announced

Exports may meet 20% growth target

in the 1993-94 budget. This has made Indian exports more competitive. Easier norms on farm exports also helped. Tea exports doubled and tobacco exports leapt by 216 percent in April-May 1993. Textiles (including carpets and handicrafts) were by far the biggest export-earner, although exports grew by only 15.7 percent. For 1993-94, textile exports are expected to account for 35 percent of targeted total exports of \$22 billion.

The Cotton Textiles **Export Promotion Council** is trying to step up exports to non-quota countries like Bangladesh and certain African nations because, according to the council's chairman, R.S. Mehra, exports to quota countries have already reached the saturation point. Out of an

in the first six months of this year, exports reached \$733 million.

The government is also planning to come out with a preshipment export credit scheme that will allow exporters to borrow in dollars at 2 percent to 3 percent above the London interbank offered rate. Banks may also agree to rediscount bills in the export market, which will help exporters get credit at international rates. Tourism is another target for growth. Tour

liberalization of the airline business. While India is far from allowing foreign airlines to expand their services, four new private airlines are now flying domestic routes. The shortage of airline capacity has been circum-

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landed in India - all of them in Goa. Last year, 250 charters flew in. The silver lining is that

with the state receding from many areas, greater private participation in tourism and therefore greater efficiency look like a distinct possibil-

The Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation has chosen 33 beach locations along the 720 kilometers of the state coastline, where private operators will get management contracts or renewable leases. Other states are also planning to attract private operators, including foreign companies.

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THE REPUBLICAN CAPITAL: SYMBOL OF MODERNITY

founder of the Turkish state, defrocked the imperial city of Istanbul and moved the seat of government to a small Anatolian town at the end of the railroad line. Yet the celebrations earlier this month to mark Ankara's accession to the capital of the Turkish Republic lacked that sentimental edge - something that comes as no surprise to those who know the city well. In Ankara, politics, not tradition, is the consuming passion.

Ankara was named the nation's capital only a few weeks before the republic itself was declared on October 29, 1923. Its new status came as a reward for its service as headquarters of the nationalist movement during the War of Liberation. Like Brasília, Islamabad or the other purposebuilt capitals for which it was an early prototype, Ankara's fortunes at the very start intertwined with those of the young nation it came to represent.

In Ankara, the conversion of swamp into boulevards was also an act of defiance. Forcing the British ambassador to leave the wellappointed embassy in Istanbul, a diplomatic mis-

It has been 70 years reign of Elizabeth I, for a was at its most confident. In tive running of their cities. since Kernal Ataturk, the city with only the most the 1920s, Ankara was a The partial culmination of rudimentary of comforts was a means of winning recognition for the young republic. Ankara's planners and architects, for their part, vigorously pursued the modern. Government left

> Both a national and a regional center

the high palace walls and labyrinthine compounds of Istanbul for straight avenues laid out along virgin hillside.

This brave newness is somewhat misleading, considering that Ankara has been the site of virtually uninterrupted habitation since prehistoric times. Even if this does not figure highly in local civic consciousness, Ankara possesses a Roman temple whose inscriptions are a principle source of information about the Augustan age. Ankara's situation, a series of fortifiable hills at the junction of three small rivers, has meant that it has long been a staging post for the forces of conquest and trade.

Today, the main business of Ankara is government. Not surprisingly, the city's recent fortunes have flourished during periods when sion dating back to the the central administration

boomtown. Although the headquarters of the Koc Group, Turkey's largest conglomerate, are now in Istanbul, the fortunes of its 92-year-old founder, Vehbi Koc, were first consolidated in Ankara in those heady

The second golden age was in the 1960s, when government central planners were pledged to speed up the pace of the country's development. This was also the decade of a sustained spurt of urbanization in

Turkey. From a town of iust over 25,000 in 1923, Ankara has become a metropolitan city of over 3 mil-In recent decades, the city

that rules the country has responded to the challenge of putting its own house in order. This has come about through the devolution of real power to the city from the very government min-istries whose sidewalks it is entrusted to keep clean.

Beginning with the late Mayor Vedat Dalokay in 1973, Ankara has played a leading role in what to some extent has been a nonpartisan political movement centered on Turkish local government to ensure that municipalities were both capable of and accountable for the effec-

this process has been the accession of Murat Karayalcin, the last elected mayor of Ankara, to both the leadership of his Social Democratic party and the role of deputy prime minister - without being a sitting member of parliament. In a system used to power trickling from the top down, Mr. Karayalcin, the former

director of the Batikent public-housing project, managed to work his way up through his ability to implement ambitious urban renovation projects. If Ankara is still the headstrong child of the republic that refuses to identify with its ancient past, the city is at

last cultivating its own civic personality based on its success in providing solutions to the problems of rapid urbanization and in maintaining the quality of its citizen's lives. In her memoirs, the

British journalist Grace Ellison describes a long and perilous journey 70 years ago from Istanbul to Ataturk's headquarters on the eve of its declaration as capital. Today, Istanbul is a mere 45-minute hop via Turk Hava Yollari, or Turkish Airlines, the national carrier, which makes 15 flights there a

day. Ankara is now an

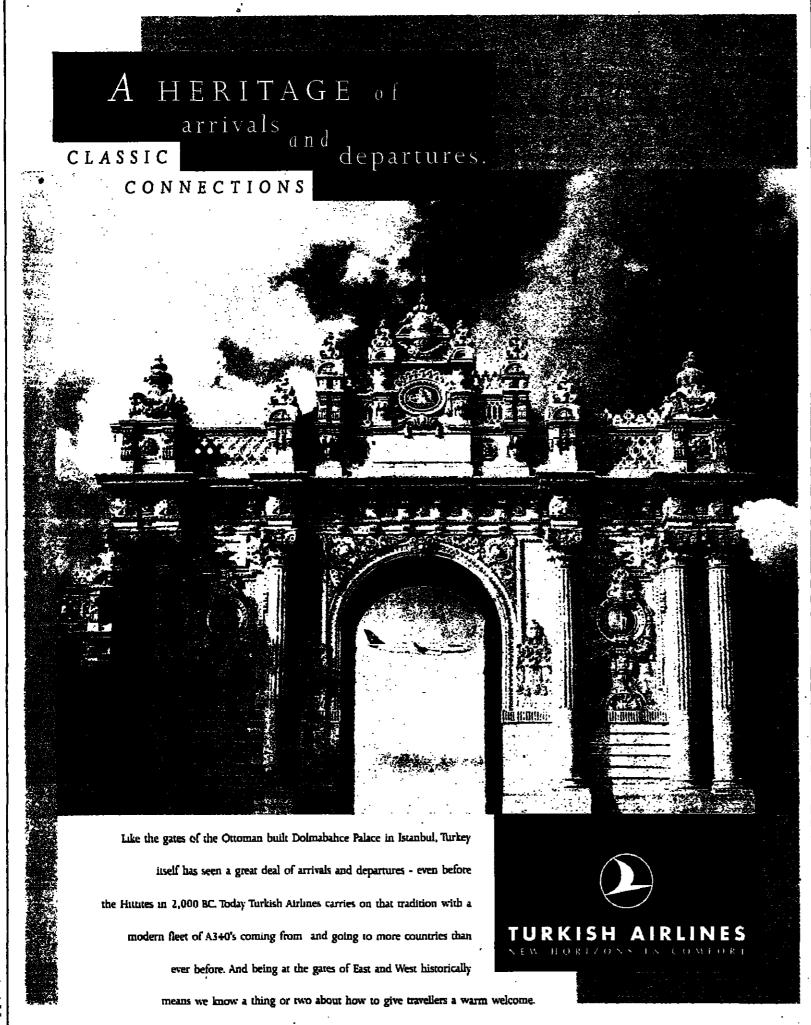
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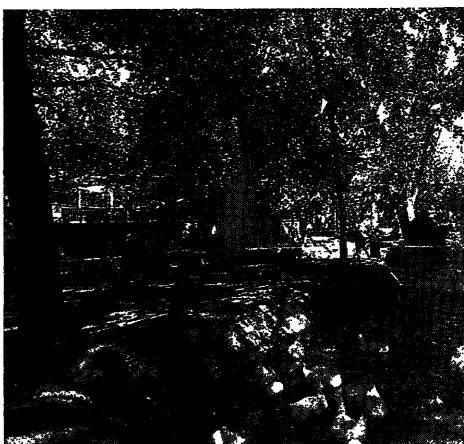
Indeed, Ankara is increasingly an international center for those regions the Balkans, Caucasia, Central Asia and the Middle East - that intersect in Turkey, and in which the country seems destined to play an ever more important role. The city's universities and government departments have taken on the various tasks of training diplomats from Kazakhstan, engineers from the Sudan and bankers from

This December, delegates from over 35 countries will

Leader in evolving municipal roles

attend a gathering in Ankara of the Helsinki Citizens Assembly, an important grass-roots coalition committed to combating the intolerance and forces of disintegration inflicting these regions. The title of the conference is. aptly enough for an event taking place in an international city that was once a provincial town at the end of the line: "Where Does Europe End?"





Development projects include the creation of parks and green areas.

BREATHING EASILY THANKS To Pollution Reduction

Once one of the world's most polluted cities, Ankara can now breathe relatively easily – thanks to recent efforts to clean up fuel and automobile

"There has been a marked improvement from the days when pigeons would drop out of the sky from the smog," says Coskan Das, general secretary of the Turkish Society for the Protection of Nature for the Protection of Nature.

Ankara is not a heavy manufacturing center. The industries it possesses are high-tech: defense and electronics enterprises that an Ankara-based company, work in cooperation with the city's universities. The city is, however, situated on a high mountain plateau surrounded by mountains a textbook case of cold air inversion, trapping rising fumes.

The city of Ankara first took steps to clean up its act in the mid-1980s, when it insisted that apartment blocks burn imported and schemes to monitor by anthracite instead of the computer energy consumplocally mined soft lignite tion in new housing,

coal. The real improvement according to Melih Tan, came with the advent of Siberian natural gas purchased through a nation-tonation offset agreement.

The initial job of joining some 300,000 houses to the natural gas network was completed last year, with 100,000 additional users still awaiting connection in the second phase of the project won by Atilia Dogan,

Natural gas has reduced emissions

and the Italian contractor SII. Syndication for this project, which includes plans to lay another 850 kilometers (525 miles) of pipes, has been completed, but still awaits approval of SACE, the Italian export

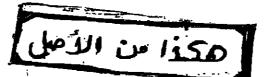
credit agency. The city is also experimenting with more sophisticated solar energy projects

energy adviser to the mayor. Ankara's efforts won it special mention at the Rio Earth Summit last

In order to tackle car emissions, Ankara is now toying with a new scheme whereby cars will have to be licensed to show that they are tuned to an acceptable standard. While some protest that diesel-spewing municipal vehicles are the worst offenders, the city is also introducing buses that run on natural gas. City government still does not have the legal independence to enforce stricter regulations or to require catalytic converters.

In the end, the long-term solution may be to bury the problem - literally. Ankara's new subway system, designed to carry a half a million passengers per day, is scheduled to begin operations in 1996 and will prevent some 25,000 tons of carbon dioxide from reaching the environment every year.

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REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

URBAN PROJECTS AIM TO TRANSFORM CITY

Urban planning in Turkey's second-largest city must take into account a rapidly evolving metropolis.

Ankara, the authorities must plan for an annual 4 percent rate of growth, or what is in effect the addition of a decent-sized city of 120,000 every year.

This means not simply laying down the grid for future expansion but also and more expensively - trying to deal with the past effects of random urbanization. In recent years, the city elders have set themselves a long list of major projects designed both to meet the demand for basic utilities and to define the city's function and cultural place in both Turkey and the wider region.

What the metropolitan authorities refer to as "transformation" projects are those aimed at installing essential utilities. These include the completion of a natural-gas complex as well as major water and sanitation projects. It also entails the creation of an underground and light-rail masstransit system.

The city is also embarked on what it categorizes as "development" projects, which are in effect massive urban-clearance schemes based on creating new settlement areas with the eventual hope of improving the old residential neighborhoods left behind. It also means incorporating new green areas into the future growth of the city.

The first stage of the natural-gas program, begun in 1988 with the participation of British Gas, reached

completion last year, with the \$150 million second stage waiting to begin.

The Greater Ankara sewage project, financed by the World Bank, is due for completion in 1998 at a cost of \$560 million. This is in addition to the work of renewing the water distrib-

light-rail system, intended to begin operation in 1995. The civil work is part of a partnership between Yuksel and Bayindir in a consortium that includes Siemens AEG, with the Italian firm Breda providing the rolling

Ankara in 1989.

The city has now embarked on two additional major developments: the Dikmen Valley housing and environmental development scheme, which is an attempt to rehouse 2,000 inhabitants and at the same

Ankara's cultural and academic life. He believes that the training and development of Turkey's youth is the best way to face the challenges of the future. In order to improve one of Turkey's most important assets - its global competitiveness - the Koc group's

Called Koc 2000, it aims to achieve total quality in both management and production, and in so doing strengthen Turkey's economy and its standing in the

technologically distinct career to become mayor of activities, a cultural center and an international fairground and congress center.

Although some of these projects, particularly those involving housing, will generate their own income, paying for Ankara's facelift remains a matter of political negotiation between the city and the central government and of presenting a financial plan to the voters.

Many believe that Ankara should now take stock of its own revenue potential by doing more to rationalize its payroll, charging for services or simply installing parking meters. There is also some agreement that the infrastructure investments that will make the most difference are the ones many miles away from the capital's boundaries, in other parts of Turkey, that will encourage alternative cen-

Vehbi Koc, a native son of Ankara and now honorary chairman of Koc Holding, has made many philanthropic donations to training and development center, KOGEM, has embarked on a "total quali-

standing then enjoyed by the Turkish Treasury itself. This allowed the city to raise not just loans, but securities. To date, it has tapped \$655 million on the international markets, including \$410 million extrabudgetary funds, par-

Not far from Ankara is

the ancient garrison

town of Gordium, where Alexander the Great

gave an early demonstra-

tion in lateral thinking

by undoing an intricate knot with the edge of his

sword. It is a lesson the

present Ankara munici-

pality took to heart when

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Turkish local govern- 11 trillion liras

AND GAINS SPENDING POWER worth of Samurai bonds. This has given the municipality unparalleled spending power through its bud-get of 17.2 trillion Turkish liras (\$1.34 billion), of which 11 trillion liras are

earmarked for investment. This is in addition to those loans under Treasury guarantee, like the \$209 million trade and export

for investment In 1992, the municipality made the bold move of submitting itself to Standard & credits for the first phase of Poor's. It convinced the the natural-gas project. U.S. credit rating agency This contrasts with the that the government was unlikely, for reasons of

Funds raised on the markets are an important element of project finance.

CITY HALL GOES TO MARKET

period after 1989, when Ankara, like major cities prestige, to allow its capital throughout Turkey, elected Social Democratic mayors Poor's agreed and awarded in opposition to a national government of a different hue. Reforms after 1984 increased local government revenues both in absolute terms and as a share of the national budget. Even so, municipalities are still. in practice, dependent on

ticularly for project finance. After general elections in 1991, the Ankara municipality seized its chance when the Social Demo-cratic Populist Party became a junior partner in the national coalition government. Even prior to this, the city had raised \$150

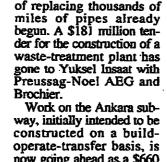
vious year. "They approached the market in a highly professional manner." says John Ong of Banker's Trust, whose bank led on the first tranche of the \$220 million

million in Frankfurt the pre-

metro project. The city's progress in the money markets and its ability to handle large outstanding debt will be watched with great interest by those medium-sized municipalities in Turkey that are campaigning for greater decentralization and accountability at the local level. The World Bank, which also champions this cause, has financed municipal water projects, including sanita-



New subway and light-rail projects will help reduce congestion in the city center.



now going ahead as a \$660 million turnkey project. The Turkish construction first section with the Canadian Urban Transport

ution network, with the task Last stop on this time create additional hous-"Ankaray" network is a new intercity bus terminal scheduled for completion this year. It will be capable of handling 300 arrivals and departures per day.

what is one of the world's ·largest housing projects, a satellite city called Batikent, for which 27,000 homes have already been built. The projected population of 250,000 will be linked to the city center by giant Gama is building the the new subway. It was as director of the project's management company, Kent Koop, that Murat The subway feeds into a Karayalcin launched his houses leisure and sport

Ankara already possesses

as a green area for the city. The construction of highcost bousing is intended to finance the maintenance of the area as well as a glassdomed cultural center with

restaurants and other facili-

ing, and also a green area

the rest of the city.

and a recreational lake for

The Orange Blossom (Portakal Cicegi) Valley is

also an attempt to reclaim

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Work is also now completed on the 640,000square-meter "Altin" or "Golden" Park, which

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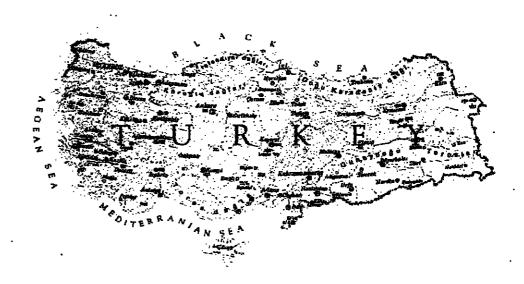
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"Koç" is pronounced in English as "scotch" without the "s"

Starring for Charlotte: Demographics

By Peter Applebome

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina - The Carolina Panthers will do, but if the owners of the National Football League's newest franchise really want to get the name right they might try something more descriptive, like the Carolina Post-Urban Regional Configuration.

To be sure, urban policy was not exactly Topic A on Wednesday in this town.

From the exultant "TOUCH-DOWN!" across the top of The Charlotte Observer, to James Laughlin hawking cassettes of his "Carolina Rally Song," to the hand-scrawled "Carolina Panthers — A Reality" triumphantly tacked to Uptown Donnie's hot dog stand, the only subject was the NFL's anointing of Charlotte on Tuesday as the home of the league's 29th franchise.

In a town with a particularly pronounced strain of the South's veneration of go-go hustle and self-promotion, the euphoria was no surprise. But with sports as much dollars and demographics as muscle and mud Charlotte's victory over better known cities like Baltimore and St. Louis is a revealing window onto a nation whose center of gravity is moving South and whose old notions of what a city is are often as out of date as a leather helmet.

Still sometimes confused with Charleston to the south or Charlottesville to the north. Charlotte may still be a place few people

can place on a map.
But from its conspicuous economic success in recent years, to its flood of newcomers, to its sprawling market area composed of medium-sized cities running from Durham, North Carolina, to Columbia, South Carolina, the new NFL franchise is a reminder of how different the growing cit-ies that snare sports franchises often are from the older cities

NFL Tries Again in Europe

ROSEMONT, Illinois - The NFL, whose experiment with the World League failed because its American franchises couldn't attract fans, will now try its hand at an all-European league. The NFL on Wednesday concluded two days of meetings with the announcement it would sponsor a league based entirely in Europe

amountestant it would spoisor a league based entirely in Europe beginning in the spring of 1995.

The defunct World League played in 1991 and 1992 with cities in both Europe and the United States. Barcelona, London and Frankfurt, all of which had World League teams, are expected to be joined by three more, with Paris and Birmingham, England, among the precedible sites.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the new European league

would draw its players from the same pool as the old World League
— fringe players on NFL teams and free agents. "We still want to
think of it as a developmental league," he said. Tagliabue said the league would be run by someone with extensive marketing experience on the continent. Asked if it might be a

European, he replied: "I wouldn't rule that out." Also on Wednesday, New Orleans was awarded the 1997 Super Bowl and San Diego the 1998 contest, with Tampa and Los Angeles the other contenders.

"When Charlotte talks about being part of a market with 10 million people within 150 square miles, it's not really a statistical sleight of hand or a rhetorical flourish," said David Goldfield, an urban historian at the Univer-

sity of North Carolina at Charlotte.
"It's really a historical truth." he said. "Other cities increasingly are marketing themselves as regional entities, but for us there's a

particular historical truth to it."
"Charlotte has always conceived itself as being the economic capital of the two Carolinas," said Dan Morrill, a history pro-fessor at the university. "This is

nothing new." From the stores hawking mer-chandise for a team so far without players or stadium, to the live lelevision coverage of the return of the Carolina delegation that courted the NFL owners in Chi-

cago, to the celebrations down-

town, one might think the millen-

nium had arrived, not football.

ing huge men pound on each other each Sunday sometimes seemed the least of the excite-This is probably as big an

But then, the possibility of see-

event as there's been in our history in terms of just elevating us to the first tier of American cities," Mayor Richard Vinroot exulted after Charlotte was picked over four rivals.

"If you saw the National Basketball Association playoffs, you had Larry Johnson with 'Char-lotte' across his big chest, stand-ing there on national TV on Sunday afternoon, next to Patrick Ewing with New York on his chest. Everybody knows New York, of course, and all of a sud-den, there's Charlotte." Charlotte has not exactly come

from nowhere. The city was incorporated in 1768 and named for Queen Charlotte, the wife of King George III of England. It grew first with gold, then with cotton and then

with textiles, toiling in Atlanta's shadow for most of this century.

But with a booming economy based on banking and a diversified service and manufacturing base, Charlotte has blossomed in the past two decades to become the nation's third-leading banking center. The city grew by 25.5 percent from 1980 to 1990, to 396,000 people. Its metropolitan area grew by almost 20 percent, to 1.1 million.

Still, neither figure makes Charlotte a powerhouse. It is now the 34th-largest metropolitan area, between Buffalo-Niagara Falls and Providence-Pawtucket and the 35th-largest city, between St. Louis and Atlanta.

What persuaded the NFL was a marketing area that includes most of the Carolinas.

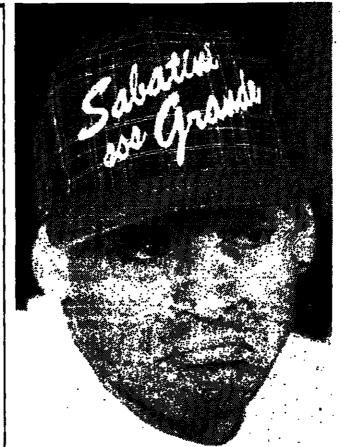
Marketing studies developed by Rand McNally and used to promote Charlotte indicate that. using a basic trading area that includes surrounding counties, Charlotte ranks 28th nationally.

Using an expanded unit definition that takes in 134 counties, Charlotte ranked sixth in size. And, in fact, the euphoria about the football franchise spread throughout the Carolinas.

"We are ecstatic," said Dick Blouse, executive director of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce in South Carolina. "We don't view this as a Charlotte team, but a regional team."

In Clemson, South Carolina, where the team will play its first year on the field at Clemson University, interest in the team is already so high that customers lined up at the Mr. Knickerbocker sporting goods store to buy Panthers' paraphernalia. The store manager, David Spearman, said he had to turn them away because his shipment had not ar-

"It's like living through an earthquake this morning," he



Diego Maradona looking thinner, but skeptical, on Thursday.

A Leaner Maradona Ready for Australia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SYDNEY — Diego Maradona said on Thursday he wanted to play from Spain to play for Argentina until 1995, even if his earlier this year. country failed to qualify for next year's World Cup finals.

"I would like to play for my national team for two more years, Maradona told reporters ahead of Sunday's vital World Cup qualify-ing match against Australia in Syd-

I feel great at the moment but I realize I do not have all that much time left to play at the highest levsaid the Argentine captain. who celebrates his 33d birthday on the eve of the first-leg clash.

He claims to have shed 12 kilograms (27 pounds) in his bid to regain match fitness, and he looks it. Still, observers of his preparation in practice say he takes quite a bit of "rest time" when the going gets tough and his speed work leaves a great deal to be desired. Maradona led Argentina to the 1986 World Cup title and is one of the greatest players of his genera-

FIFA, world soccer's governing body, suspended him for 15 months after traces of cocaine were found in his system in a random drug test in Italy in 1991.

career since returning to Argentina from Spain to play club football

He was recalled by national coach Alfio Basile after Argentina's humiliating 5-0 loss to Colom-bia last month in World Cup qualifying. The loss forced the 1990. World Cup runners-up to meet. Oceania winner Australia for a shot at next year's finals in the United

"I am very happy to play in Argentina and play for the national team because I love the country so much," said Maradona, who made his debut for the Argentine first division team Newell's Old Boys three weeks ago, ending a four-

Basile, who admitted his job was on the line against Australia, said Maradona's return was an inspiration for the team. "Everybody wants to play in the same team as Diego and the other players are well motivated," the coach said.

Australian coach Eddie Thomson told reporters his side must win Sunday's first leg to have any chance of qualifying. The return match will be Nov. 17 in Buenos (Reuters, AP, UPI)

Watchdog Body Scrutinizes Marseille's Finances

PARIS - A report on the accounts of heavily indebted Europehanded over to French League president Noel Le Graet on Thursday, league sources said.

A financial watchdog body, which has relegated three first divi-sion teams — Bordeaux, Brest and Toulon - over financial trouble in the past two years, will now study the report.

No information about the report would be given before early next lion francs.

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week, a league spokesman said without elaborating. Marseille boss Bernard Tapie, an soccer champions Marseille was who has said he would resign by the end of the season to concentrate on politics, acknowledged his club faced a 66 million franc (\$12 mil-

> reported figures of 400 million francs as fabricated. Marseille, crippled by debts since being ejected from European soccer in a bribery scandal, have already sold Croatian striker Alen

> Boksic to Lazio of Italy for 70 mil-

Reliable sources say they are also negotiating to sell captain Didier Deschamps and French international trouble since being ejected from Eurotional defender Basile Boli.

lion) deficit but dismissed widely Marseille at Angers on Friday. had wonderful moments with Mar-

seille," Boksic said. On Sunday, Boksic will attend home against Nantes. Lazio's home game against Udinese at Rome's Olympic Stadium.

Marseille, in deep financial trou-ble since being ejected from Euro-pean soccer in a bribery scandal, Boksic, who was top scorer in the French league last season with 23 goals, will play his last match for val Paris St. Germain.

The Paris club, which looks set to "I'm sad to leave because I've replace Marseille as France's top team, is widely favored to pick up two more points when it plays at

PSG, which has scored six wins in as many matches at the Parc des He is expected to make his debut Princes in Paris, could increase its for the Roman club away from lead over second-place Bordeaux.

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NL Rookie Honor Crowns Piazza's Superb Season

LOS ANGELES - Mike Piazza, a 62d-round draft pick who had one of the finest rookie seasons ever, has been unanimously voted National League Rookie of the Year.

Piazza, who won the Dodgers catching job in spring training, his 318 with 35 home runs and 112 RBIs. His average was the highest of any NL Rookie of the Year since the award began in 1947, and he was the first winner to drive in 100 runs. Piazza was seventh in the league in hitting, sixth in homers and fourth in RBJs.

Piazza, the 1,389th player taken in the 1988 amateur draft, on Wednesday became the sixth unanimous NL rookie winner, joining Frank Robinson in 1956. Orlando Cepeda in 1958, Willie McCovey in 1959, Vince Coleman in 1985 and Benito Santiago in 1987. Atlanta Braves pitcher Greg McMichael was second in the ballot-

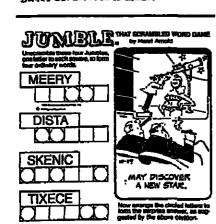
ing, receiving 12 second-place votes and four thirds from the Baseball Writers Association of America. Piazza, 25, became the sixth player in the 103-year history of the Dodgers to hit .300 and surpass the 30-homer and 100-RBI marks in

the same season, joining Roy Campanella, Duke Snider, Gil Hodges, Babe Herman and Pedro Guerrero. He homered twice in a game five times after Aug. 29, including the final day of the season, when he drove in four runs as the Dodgers

routed the Giants, 12-1, and knocked San Francisco out of a firstplace tie with Atlanta. He threw out 35 percent of opposing baserunners attempting to steal, the third best percentage in the NL.



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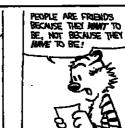


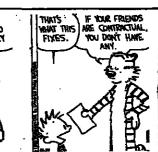


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Kazuyoshi Miura, right, and Ruy Ramos celebrated Japan's first goal, by Miura in the 6th minute, but their glee later turned to gloom.

A Last-Minute Iraqi Goal Ousts Japan

Saudi Arabia and South Korea Reach World Cup Finals

reans and Saudi Arabians capered with joy but there was only despair the 2002 finals, it was a huge antifor Japan on Thursday in a dramat- climax. "That's soccer," said Mari-World Cup qualifying tournament. of the Japanese team.

With 89 minutes played in the Japan-Iraq match it looked as if the Japanese would be playing in the United States next year.

But a headed goal from Iraq substitute Jaffar Omran in the final minute made it 2-2. Japan's dream

South Korea had thought its 3-0 win over North Korea, completed earlier in the day, was not enough. But the players went wild with delight when news of the Iraq equalizer came through.

South Korea ended the roundrobin tournament level with Japan. with six points, behind Saudi Arabia's seven. But the Koreans scored two more goals than the Japanese, so they go to the finals.

The Saudis, playing some de-lightful one-touch football, sparked hysterical celebrations

Reuters which took them to the World Cup
DOHA, Qatar — The South Ko- 'finals for the first time.

But for Japan, hoping to stage climax to the Asian Zone's us Hans Ooft, the expatnate coach

> "I feel very sad for the players. They did their utmost but in the dying seconds we lost a goal. We did not play defensively - lraq

The final goal was a personal nightmare for Japanese captain Tetsuji Hashiratani, one of the best players in the tournament. He misjudged a corner and Omran netted easily.

Japan, swept along by its pas-sionate supporters, took the lead on a goal by Kazuyoshi Miura in the

But after dominating the first half they were pushed back on the defensive and Ahmad Amish, the Iraqi captain, grabbed the equaliz-er in the 55th minute.

In their only real attack of the second half, the Japanese went ahead again when Masashi Na-kayama collected a pass from Ruy Ramos and fired home with 20

equalizer on the final whistle.

"I do not know why the goal was ruled out." said Iraq's coach, Amu Baba. "The referees have destroyed the Iraq team in this competition." But he added, "I wish to congratulate Sandi Arabia. We as Arabs are delighted they will be going to

Saudi Arabia, which dismissed its Brazilian coach Jose Candido two days before the game, was in control against Iran for most of the match but some defensive lapses gave the Saudis a few worrying moments.

America."

The Saudis got goals from Sami Jaber (21st minute), Fabad Melel (27th), Mansour Al Mosa (46th) and Hamzah Falatah (64th). Mehdi Zadegan scored for Iran in the 43d and 52d minutes with substitute Javad Manafi adding a third in the last minute.

The Saudis stand-in coach Mohammed Kharrash said: "It was my duty to come here and do what I could. We will not forget Candido's

Football Federation, vowed that the sert kingdom's green flag.

lraq had a goal disallowed for team would not be "guests of hon-offside before Omran clinched the or" at the finals like some Asian teams in the past.

He said that money and resources would be pumped in to prepare the team properly for the United States. South Korea earned a place in its

third successive final round with three second-half goals against the North Koreans. Ko Jeong Woon opened the scor-ing in the 49th minute and Hwang Sun Hong added a second live min utes later. Substitute Ha Seok Ju

scored the third with 14 minutes left. The players slumped to the ground dejected when the final whistle went but leapt up and started to dance with joy when they heard that Japan had lost out to the

last-minute Iraq goal.
Saudi Arabia linished unbeaten in the group by winning two and drawing three of its matches. Iraq ended with five points ahead of Iran with four and North Korea

In Riyadh, hundreds of cars packed with soccer fans poured into the usually sedate avenues of the Saudi capital after their team's Prince Sultan ibn Abdulaziz, dep-uty chairman of the Saudi Arabia their car horns and waved the devictory. Men of all ages honked

Cup Skiing Gets an Early Start on an Austrian Glacier

The Associated Press

SOLDEN, Austria - Alberto Tomba, who seems to save his best skiing for Olym-pic years, is looking for a fast start in the World Cup races.

Coming off a poor season and troubled by a sore tendon, the Italian ace sounded a realistic note on the eve of the start of the World Cup season.

"I am aware that the competition is increasingly tough, but it's important for my morale to have a good start and I'm shooting for a finish among the top three," Tomba aid in an interview.

The World Cup opens with a men's giant slalom Saturday in this winter resort on a glacier. The powerful Norwegian team, led by Kjetil Andre Aamodt, and the defending orld Cup champion, Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg, are major threats to the 26-year-old Italian, known as La Bomba because of his powerful style.

A spill in the opening slalom at Sestriere last year began Tomba's streak of failures in the World Cup and in the World Championships in Japan. The Italian ended the last

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staging of the 1998 Goodwill

Games could lead to serious discus-

metropolitan area for the 2008 or

2012 Summer Olympics, officials

connected with the Goodwill

The talk Wednesday was just that: Talk. More like a Christmas

ish list for the next decade. Or a

season with a single victory in a World Cup race after setting an impressive pace of nine World Cup wins in 1988 and 1992, both

Norwegian squad including two other poten-tial winners in Saturday's race — Jan Heinar Thorsen and Lasse Kjus.

Olympic years.
Tomba has been busy this week treating a knee tendon inflammation that his trainers said would not prevent his starting in Solden. The men's World Cup opener precedes by four weeks the second round of races sched-

uled in Park City, Utah, on Nov. 27-28. Several European coaches agreed that most skiers would not be in top shape in the World Cup opener, focusing instead on the busiest period of the season from December to February. The 1994 Winter Olympics are scheduled

in Lillehammer, Norway, on Feb. 12-27.

Tomba, the only skier to have won three titles in consecutive Olympics at Calgary and Albertville, will be shooting for a record fourth gold in Norway. Girardelli, an Austrian-born all-around

skier, will be also bidding for a record - a sixth World Cup overall title.

Thorsen and Lasse Kjus. Italy, Pernilla Wiberg
Paul Accola of Switzerland, a former Scizinger of Germany. World Cup champion, must show if he has recovered from upsets and injuries suffered

Bernhard Gstrein is the top Austrian giant suggesting this week that some skiers on the slalom starter while Sweden will rely on Fredrik Nyberg as Johan Wallner is recovering from a bad spill.

An Ancient Ice Podium Gustavo Thoeni, the former Italian ski

has been skiing better in stalom than in giant slalom during recent tests. "However, Saturday's race will be espe-

cially useful for testing initial results of summer training programs. The real competition deep freeze in Oslo. begins in December, with the best skiers The glacier is made of ice and snow and thinking of the Olympics more than the that's what the Olympics is about," said Rolf World Cup."

World Cup champion; Carole Merle, the French veteran; Deborah Compagnoni of Italy, Pernilla Wiberg of Sweden and Katja

For the first time, anti-doping tests will be administered after each World Cup race. Italian officials welcomed the move after suggesting this week that some skiers on the

Winners at the Lillehammer games will great and now Tomba's personal coach, said: receive their medals atop a victory podium "Alberto can do well in Solden, although he carved from a block of 500-year-old ice from

a glacier, Reuters reported from Oslo. Organizers on Wednesday loaded up 15 to 20 tons of ice from an ancient glacier in Fjarland, west Norway, and will store it in a

Nereng, a spokesman for the organizers. He The first weekend of Alpine skiing will be said they were trying to work out how to stop Aamodt, the Olympic super-giant slalom completed Sunday by a women's giant slate the top of the ice from being slippery—adding champion seen as the skier who may put an lom, featuring renewed competition among that it would be unfortunate if an Olympic end to the Tomba era, leads a powerful Austria's Anita Wachter, the defending champion broke a leg on the podium.

Male Coach, Female Victim? Florida Case Raises New Harassment Issues

hiring Ivey, she told Florida as-sociate athletic director Ann Ma-

rie Lawler why Texas had not

"I got the impression the deci-sion was made, that they had heard

about these things but he had con-vinced them he had changed," Lo-

piano said in a telephone interview

In a statement Tuesday night.

Lawler said she spoke with many people "who endorsed Mitch as

the appropriate person to lead

hired him.

from Long Island.

By Christine Brennan

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The alleged sexual harassment that led to
the disraissal of Mitch Ivey, the University of Florida women's swimming coach, is a symptom of a widespread problem among men who coach female athletes, the executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation says.

"I don't think there's any question that this is a very serious problem in athletics that has been shoved under the rug in the past," the director. Donna Lopiano, said Wednesday. "I've never talked to a women's athletic director who hasn't run into it."

Ivey, 44, a two-time Olympian and one of the most successful swimming coaches in the United States, was fired Monday after a university investigation allegedly revealed instances of sexual harassment. The Florida inquiry started after the television sports network ESPN began to work on a story on Ivey's interaction with his current and former athletes. The network reported Tuesday (Dat Ivey us with some of his swimmers and that Florida athletic department officials had been warned about his history of having sexual relationships with his athletes.

Ivey has denied the allegations. Lopiano told ESPN that when she was women's athletic director at the University of Texas, she interviewed Ivey for a job. but refused to hire him because of "his reputation of going out and then marrying his athletes."

Ivey has been married three times, each time to one of his former athletes.

Lopiano also said that in 1990, when Florida was considering our swim program. He was newly 'Let's face it. athletic programs

ages on this.' Donna Lopiano, executive director of the Women's Sports

Foundation.

are in the dark

nd I felt comfort about the hiring procedure." A source within the Florida athletic department said administrators were "very aware of the

rumors" concerning Ivey. "In hindsight, there might have been too much time spent looking into possible sexual relationships" with athletes "and too little time spent on looking into sexual barassment of athletes,

the bad jokes and bad words," the source said. One of Ivey's former female swimmers said Wednesday that he "was a sleazebucket on the

The swimmer, who spoke on

each country had tested positive for

steroids in random checks.

The IWF has stamped down

hard on doping after the sport was

almost thrown out of the Olympic

program as a result of a series of

Polyakov said the Russian feder-

"draw conclusions" from the inter-

national federation's shock deci-

sion, and that chief coach Vladimir

Maslyaev had come under heavy

deck" of the pool, "with the kind of comments he would make."

lvey "slept with several swimmers and made lewd comments on the deck about women's bodies."

The swimmer said live never propositioned her. Mary T. Meagher, a three-time Olympian, never was coached by ivey, but said, like many swim-

mers, she knew of his reputation. "If you look objectively at his track record, he does have a history of dating his athletes," Meagher said. "The question is, 'Did he pressure them? Did he

cross the line?' I don't know." She said the relationship between a male coach and a young female swimmer is ambiguous.

"It's a lonely sport with the way we train and compete," Meagher said. "When you bring in the fact that we are in our swimming suit, which covers a small part of our bodies, it makes us vulnerable. When a coach puts his arm around you, it's skin touching skin. In some cases, that makes it easier to go a little farther, especially with the girl who doesn't know the difference thing more. That's where the male coach has to draw the line." Lopiano said that this summer, the Women's Sports Foundation appointed an ad hoc committee to study the relationship

between male coaches and female athletes. "We started getting a bunch of calls about this." she said. "I'm guessing it's part of the post-Anita Hill sexual harassment education in this country...The coach-ath-lete relationship is love-hate. He makes you do all that work, but there's nothing more you want to do than gain his attention. Let's face it, athletic programs are in the dark ages on this."

pipe dream. With the 1996 Summer Olympics to be held in Atlanta and with Salt Lake City considered a New York's bid for the 1984 will Games were conceived by Ted Turner in the mid-480s to loster

strong candidate to play bost to the 2002 Winter Olympics, the United States may have played out its Olympic hand for years to come. The U.S. Olympic Committee will not begin to entertain future

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If New York did make a bid, it would first face domestic competi-tion at least from Boston, Miami sions about a bid by the New York

and Los Angeles, host of the 1984 Summer Olympics. And it remains to be seen whether New York could suitably address the concerns of money, competition venues, security, housing and transportation to put together a convincing bid to the Olympic Committee.

Summer Olympics was hampered by the city's financial problems in the late 1970s.

If it was selected by the Olympics Committee for 2008 or 2012, New York would face competition

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Between Rats and Traffic, Can Big Apple Ever Be Olympic?

for the 2000 Games, and the 2004 Games will not be awarded until 1997. So the earliest Summer Games a U.S. city could hope to land would be the 2008 Olympics.

The 1998 Goodwill Games, to be contested in the metropolitan area from July through Aug. 9 of that year, are expected to provide some answers about the legitimacy of a New York Olympic bid. The Goodrelationships between the U.S. and the former Soviet Union.

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Olympic bids from U.S. cities until approval by the International 1996 or 1997, said Harvey Schiller. Olympic Committee, said Robert M. Johnson, chairman Carrying out these plans for a of the 1998 Goodwill Games organultinational event featuring thou-Last month, Sydney won the bid nizing committee and publisher of sands of athletes, of course, is an-Newsday,

It would be unreasonable for New York to consider a bid now, Johnson said, given the proximity of the Atlanta Games and Salt Lake City's strong bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

The 1998 Goodwill Games, ex-pected to cost \$60 million and pump \$500 million into the regional economy, are scheduled to draw 2.000 athletes from more than 50 countries competing in 24 sports at sites in New York, New Jersey and

Planned are a new aquatics center near Hofstra University in Nassau County and a renovation of the Kissena Velodrome in Queens.

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other story. The 1991 U.S. track and field championships —at Rapdalis Island - were a public-relations disaster.

No wind gauge was available at the start of the meet, which threatened to negate the early world-record pace of the decathlete Dan O'Brien. Rats were spotted in the stadium. And Julie Jenkins, one of the country's top 800-meter runners, was struck by a van as she crossed the street in Midtown. "The timing would have to be

right; it's not now," said Matt Scheckner, executive director of the New York City Sports Commission Foundation, speaking of an Olym-

Russian Weightlifters Seek Easing of World Ban

MOSCOW — Russia still hopes to compete in next month's world weightlifting championships despite a ban imposed by the interna- a fine to lift the year-long suspenspite a ban imposed by the international federation after three athletes tested positive in dope tests, a top official said on Thursday.

a time to the tax year-long support soin, which began on Sept. 20.

"We would like to go and we hope for this," he said. "Now we

letes tested positive in dope tests, a top official said on Thursday.

Viktor Polyakov, president of the Russian Weightlifting Federation, said that Moscow supported the International Weightlifting Federation's tough stance on doping but wanted the policy applied equally to all countries. "We are not at all angry about

But Polyakov said Russia - one

It's easy to subscribe in Vienna and Sabburg just call: 0660-8155 tr fex: 06069-694894 of the world's top weightlifting that Russian and Polish weightcountries — was negotiating with
the international federation to atworld championships in Meleven though they are already sitting tend the championships by paying

are trying to find a way to pay \$50,000 to remove the disqualification." Polyakov added that the Russian federation was trying to raise the funds. In Lahti, Finland, the interna-

tional federation's secretary-gener-al, Tamas Ajan, said Thursday that Russia could apply to pay a fine to have its suspension lifted. But he said the IWF would grant

strong national interest" was involved and he could not comment on whether it would apply in this Ajan is in Lahti to attend a four-

The International Weightlifting Russia have competed at the world Federation said on Wednesday

day meeting of the General Association of International Sports Fed-

We will continue our talks after a lifting of the ban only in excep-tional circumstances "where a the championships so we don't inflame passions further," he said. A weightlifting official said re-placements had already been se-

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ected for the three Russians barred and that Russia would compete in all categories if they went to Mel-

bourne for the world event Nov. This was to be the first time

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bourne, because three athletes from on their suitcases."

He added: "Weightlifting is very popular in Russia and we have a good record. This time we hoped to win some golds, not to mention silvers and bronzes.

The three banned athletes — Maxim Agapitov, Andrei Matveyev and Ramzan Musayev ation had met on Wednesday to were detected during random checks run by the international federation at the Russian championships in St. Petersburg last month. A fourth junior weightlifter had al-ready been banned earlier in the

Polyakov said Russia backed the

tough IWF stance.
"Our attitude to this is very positive," he said. "But we would like this tough line be spread to all the

The president said it was unfair for "clean" weightlifters to be disadvantaged by the behavior of a

"Our best sportsmen are beyond championships rather than the So-suspicion," he said.

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Movies Need a Czar

By Russell Baker

WASHINGTON — Janet Reno was vague in her congressional testimony last week about how the government might go about censoring violence in movies and television. I think they will need a crar.

Writing law to cover every conceivable form of violence to be banned is obviously impossible. Screenwriters' imaginations will always be 10 miles ahead of the plod-

ding congressman. Until young men began copying a nutty movie stant by lying down in traffic to prove their manhood, who would have thought to fatten a kinder-gentler-entertainment law by forbidding movies to show scenes of people supine on the highway?

The newspaper was weak on de-tails about how to do it, but the TV news ran a little of the movie scene that evening, probably so others who had missed the movie could ed the movie could see how to do it in case they wanted

Watching 18-wheelers thunder overhead did not appeal to me, even though it was obviously a much faster way to show manhood than my present technique, which requires wasting six hours every Sunday glued to televised football.

After deciding to stick with the football, I realized that any sane censorship of violence would have had to crack down on the TV news show that ran the nasty highway

The news industry is as tetchy about the First Amendment as the gun lobby is about the Second. Both resist the mildest appeal for moder-ated zeal on ground that the slightest concession will open the door to barbarians eager to deprive the honest huntsman of his rifle and the upright citizen of information published without fear or favor.

As you can tell, I have been thinking deeply about all this. Why? First, because I believe the only way to deal with violence in entertainment is to pass a law creating an all-powerful czar to do the censoring, Second, because I would like to be that czar.

At one time the czar was a sort of American institution. When confronted by a terrible mess or a terri-

ble problem that was too much for standard institutions to handle, the country called in a czar.

In World War II we had czars in charge of getting war production geared up. Long before, organized baseball made Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis the czar of baseball to save it from odium after gamblers fixed the 1919 World Series. Czars have long been out of style, and look at the mess the country is in.

A czar could help the entertainment world shake its violence addiction by showing this market-driven industry that there are other ways to rake in the billions. I refer specifically to sex, which, except in disreputa-ble pornographic films, has never been represented as graphically, in-timately and clinically as violence on either the movie or TV screen.

It is a mystery why an industry willing to devote its skills to revoluing depictions of the human body being destroyed by explosives, auto-mobiles, bayonets, car crushers, salami slicers, carnivorous fish, grotesque beasts, tank treads, axes, impaling spikes, vats of boiling acids

— well, the mystery is why so much
ingenuity should be lavished on the human body being made to feel wretched, and so little on the human

body being mad: to feel good.
Surely young people who make up so much of the audience for violence would turn out for sex. too, if it were presented with the same loving detail now given to

All we ever see of sex at present is an embarrassed-little-boy banal-ity involving a brief instant of fe-male frontal nudity and the usual boring glimpse of bare male but-

With films producing material that celebrates life rather than death, a violence czar would not have to risk outraging the press by forbidding TV news people to re play scenes of movie violence.

There wouldn't be any.

Bluenoses and prigs, I suppose would soon start complaining that sex in movies and television TV sex was rotting the country's moral fabric. That's not the violence czar's problem, is it? If Congress really believes it, let it create a sex

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Howard Stern Turns Raunch Into an Art

By Richard Harrington

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NEW YORK — "I don't think that you can go too far on the radio," says morning maniac Howard Stern, the man who invented "Lesbian Dial-a-Date,"
"Who's the Jew?," "Virgin Mary Kong"
and "Butt Bongo."

But you can certainly get far on the

You can even become "The King of All

That's what Howard Stern calls himself these days, and who's to argue? His irreverent and raunchy radio show, which originates here weekday mornings from Infinity Broadcasting's WXRK studio, reaches an audience of 15 million people in 16 cities. Stern's is the top-rated show in New York and Los Angeles, and at or near the

top in Washington.

And his just-published autobiography.

"Private Parts" — which reprises many of the voyeuristic sexcapades and celebrity clashes familiar to Stern's listeners — is already at the top of the hardcover nonfiction best-seller lists of The Washington Post and The New York Times.

Along the way, however, Stern has been fined more than \$1 million by the Federal Communications Commission, though it's Infinity Broadcasting that may eventually have to put its money where Stern's mouth is. The FCC has not been amused by what it calls "a repeated pattern of violations" of indecency statutes in effect from 6 A. M. to midnight, when children are most likely to be part of the listening audience. (Indecency is defined as language describing "sexual or excretory activities or organs in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards.") The fines, so far unpaid, are being appealed.

But Stern, 39, insists, "I never set out to be the First Amendment poster boy." He

He adds, "I'm just talking."
But to the FCC, and to his many detractors, Stern is a misogynist, a homophobe and a racist - an equal opportunity exploiter. His rude, crude prepubescent hu-mor and vitriolic personal attacks represent a new low in the annals of radio Beavis and Butt-head's dirty oncle, Stem's shows often focus on his sex organ, masturbation, lesbianism and other sexual topics. Last year, when the then-FCC chairman, Alfred Sikes, criticized Stern, Stern "prayed" on the air "that Al Sikes's prostate cancer spreads into his lungs and his kidneys." Infinity apologized; Stern

Stern says he doesn't think any jury would find his material indecent. "Is it on the edge, risque? Yes. Indecent? No. Obscene? Certainly not. If I'm wrong, let a court explain to me what the rules are, point to the sentences that are obscene and indecent that Oprah can't do and Phil can't do and soap operas can't do and 'NYPD Blue' can't do.'

The director of Infinity, Mel Karmazin, says the FCC "is exercising selective enforcement, and we are not getting equal protection under the Constitution." Still, the pressures have led to a slight toning down of Stern's act, at least while the fines

are being appealed. "We're not interested in testing the FCC's authority. When the speed limit is 55, we follow it," says Karmazin, who is the only man who has been able to put a stop sign in front of Howard Stern. A clause in Stern's contract with Infinity reportedly prohibits him from ever mentioning Karmazin on the air.

But everyone and everything else is fair ame, which may be why 15 million people find Howard Stern so appealing, even as nillions more find him so appalling.

"He is outrageous in the kinds of areas - blacks, women - that if he were a college professor, it would get him boycotted or harassed to drop the course," says the writer and civil libertarian Nat Hentoff At the same time, there's a vicarious pleasure principle at work, Hentoff says: "He says things and uses language that I would guess most of his audience would not use and they get a kick that he does and gets away with it too."

Hentoff places Stern in the tradition of Mort Sahl, Lenny Bruce and George Carlin, "but Stern deflects it with all the other stuff — the jealousy and vengeance and sexual fantasies." Still, at a time when free speech and political incorrectness are being "attacked by two groups of suppressors — the coalition of right-wing politicians and Christians, and the left on college campuses" — Stern has become a hero to disenfranchised liberals and consensition of the college campuses of the college campuses. servatives alike. "He's hooked people who don't buy that [PC] stuff, and that's good,"

says Hentoff.

Stern admits: "I can understand why people would be shocked by some of this stuff. They're shocked by the honesty. I'm not going for laughs, I'm going for reality.

When you get on the radio, you can
unleash and let your true self come out.

college sweetheart. It's one of the greatest psychiatric couches that there are. You can get on there and say exactly what you feel and do exactly what you want to do."

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Talk show host Stern: "I never set out to be the First Amendment poster boy."

Stern seems fixated on his sex organ ~ its size and performance, neither of which is much to speak of, he says. "There's got to be lots of guys who can relate to that. And who else is going to admit it if I don't?" That's why some folks accuse him

of being the aural equivalent of a flasher.
"To expose yourself with a raincoat is wrong," Stern replies. "If you're walking down the street, you're exposing people to something they don't want. No one is saying that [my audience] is being subjected to something that they don't want. You have to listen to the radio."

And what you hear is? "Everything," he says. "I don't find anything offensive, It's every topic, what I think a typical guy would talk about."

Stern doesn't drink, smoke, do drugs or eat red meat. He's practiced transcer tal meditation (during his limo rides to and from work) for 20 years. He's a family man who says he loves his parents, dotes on his three young daughters and insists he has never cheated on his wife, Alison, his

As listeners know, Stern is not all that far apart, politically, from his publishing-house partner, Rush Limbaugh. Under Stern's sophomoric, libidinous exterior beats the heart of a law-and-order conservative who is anti-government, anti-welfare, anti-drug, anti-crime.

The huge sales for "Private Parts" are not that surprising. In the past few weeks, Stern and his morning crew have essentially been doing a nonstop "infomercial," talking about little beyond the book, book-signings, Stern's appearances on talk shows and news programs. "Private Parts" has become the fastest-selling book in the 70-year history of Simon and Schuster, with more than a million copies in

The book is filled with his usual rantings, ravings and railings about his warped childhood and his first chunsy forays into sex and radio. The book begins with a chapter titled "My Philosophy: Lesbians, Lesbians, Lesbians" (one of his pet obsessions) and ends with a psychological pro-file based on two psychotherapists' read-ing of the book. The shrinks' conclusion: Howard Stern needs therapy.

But argues Stern: "We all have the same basic frustrations going through life and the more honest we are, the more people respond to it." He adds: "I am not on the air as a raving lunatic, but as someone who is opening up the microphone. Every time I feel myself thinking, 'Maybe I shouldn't say that,' I consciously say it. . . . That's the point of the show. Maybe it's wrong to wish cancer on some guy, but say it any-way, say your true emotions."

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Dewi Sukarno, at 53, Shows All in New Book

Dewi Sukarno, wife of the Indonesian president, will publish a book of mostly nude photographs of herself on Friday, her publisher of herself on Friday, her publ said in Tokyo. Entitled "Syuga," loosely translated as "superior in elegance," the book has an initial printing of 100,000 copies. "Beautiful things move everybody," Sukarno, 53, said. "I look like a very delicious woman." п

Pierre Cardin says he will hold his first fashion shows in Vietnam in mid-November in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. Cardin is also planning to open a chain of bounques and a factory as well as outlets for his perfume and cosmetics.

For the first time in 19 years, the Jackson family will perform together. NBC television will tape a twohour special in Atlantic City, New Jersey, to be broadcast Jan. 10. The program will feature Michael and the rest of the family - Janet, Jermaine, Marlon, Randy, Reebie, Tito, Katherine and Joe Jackson.

Sir Stephen Spender, who be-lieves the plot of David Leavitt's new novel, "While England Sleeps," was stolen from his 1948 antobiography, has won a pledge in London's High Court that the book will not be further distributed in Britain pending the full hearing of his plea for an injunction. Leavitt, a U.S. author, agreed not to seil or distribute the book.

Ladoris Jackson, a former cook for Elizabeta Taylor, refuses to take the rap for Liz's extra pounds. Jackson has filed a libel suit against the National Enquirer over a story that said she was fired by Taylor's husband, Larry Fortensky, because she couldn't cook low-cal food. "Liz Taylor was gaining weight long before my client was hired," said Jackson's lawyer, Kenneth Kazan. The suit seeks more than \$1 million in damages and lost wages. She was Taylor's cook for less than two months in 1992 when she quit.

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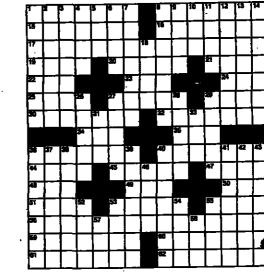
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